

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
SAN ANTONIO DIVISION**

**RHODES HOLDINGS, LLC, ET AL,** : **CASE NO. 13-33264**  
Plaintiffs

Pending in the United States Bankruptcy Court  
for the Southern District of Texas, Houston  
Division

**vs.** : Removed from Cause No. 2013-CI-02253 in the  
285<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court of Bexar County,  
Texas

**DAVID GORHAM, ET AL,**  
Defendants. : **ADV. PROC. NO.**

**NOTICE OF REMOVAL**

**TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:**

Comes now MCI Partners, LLC (“MCI”) and Terry Dunken, Jr. (“Dunken”), Defendants in the above-entitled matter, which files this Notice of Removal of a state court action styled *Rhodes Holdings, LLC et al. v. Gorham et al.*; Cause No. 2013-CI-02253, pending in the 285<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court of Bexar County, Texas (“State Court Action” or “Removed Case”) to the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, San Antonio Division.

1. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1452(a) and Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9027, MCI files this Notice of Removal (“Removal”) in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Texas, as the State Court Action is pending in this District.

2. The Removed Case is related to the captioned bankruptcy case which is pending in the Southern District of Texas. Therefore, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1452(a), the Removed Case may be removed to this Court and then transferred to the pending bankruptcy in the Southern District of Texas upon the filing of a motion to transfer. Movant will be filing a motion to

transfer.

3. Jurisdiction of this case arises under 28 U.S.C. §1334 and 11 U.S.C. §§ 105 and 541. The Removed Case is a civil action other than a proceeding before the Tax Court or a civil action by a governmental unit to enforce such governmental unit's police or regulatory power. As grounds for this Removal, MCI and Dunken respectfully submit the following:

**Venue**

4. Venue is proper in this District under 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a) because the state court where the suit was filed is located in this District. However, since the related pending bankruptcy actions is pending in the Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas, it is proper for the Court to change the venue of this action to the Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas. A motion for the change in venue will be filed shortly.

**The Removed Action**

5. In the removed case, Plaintiffs and Intervenor claim ownership and control of Digerati Technologies, Inc. ("Debtor") and its subsidiaries. The Plaintiffs and Intervenor also claim control and ownership of entities with substantial contracts with Debtor, which directly impact Debtor's assets. These same issues are presented in several other cases pending in Harris County.

**Relation of the Removed Action to the Bankruptcy Case**

6. Digerati Technologies, Inc. ("Debtor") filed a voluntary chapter 11 petition on May 30, 2013, commencing a reorganization case (the "Chapter 11 case") which is pending before the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas. The Chapter 11 case is designated as Case No. 13-33264. The Debtor is a debtor in possession pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 1101, 1107 and 1108.

7. At the time of the commencement of the Chapter 11 case, the State Court Action was still pending before the State Court.

8. All such claims and causes of actions in the State Court Action have a clear and direct impact on interests and property of the estate under 11 U.S.C. § 541. Resolution of the claims asserted in the State Court Action will significantly affect the administration of the estate and the equity security holder relationship. All such proceedings are core proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 157. In the event that any claim or cause of action asserted in the State Court Action is determined to be non-core, MCI consents to the entry of final orders or judgments by the bankruptcy judge.

9. This Notice of Removal is timely as it is filed less than ninety (90) days after the order for relief in the Chapter 11 case. As mentioned above, the State Court Action was pending when the Chapter 11 case was commenced. Removal of each claim and cause of action of the Civil Action to the Bankruptcy Court is authorized by 28 U.S.C. §§ 1452, and 1334.

#### **Bankruptcy Jurisdiction**

10. Removal is proper pursuant to this Court's bankruptcy jurisdiction, as authorized by 28 U.S.C. § 1334(b), which provides that federal district courts have "original jurisdiction of all civil proceedings ... arising in or related to cases under title 11." Cases subject to such jurisdiction are removable under the authority of 28 U.S.C. § 1452, which states that "[a] party may remove any claim or cause of action ... to the district court for the district where such civil action is pending, if such district court has jurisdiction of such claim or cause of action under section 1334 of this title."

11. The State Court Action "arises in" and/or "relates to" the Bankruptcy Case as the State Court Action is inextricably linked to the bankruptcy because it could result in findings or

rulings that affects the control and management of the debtor which is critical to the administration of the Debtor's estate, equity interests in the Debtor and could lead to inconsistent findings with the bankruptcy court. For these reasons, removal is proper.

12. In the Fifth Circuit, if an action could "conceivably have any effect on the estate being administered in bankruptcy, the Bankruptcy Court has "related to" jurisdiction over the action." *Wood v. Wood (In re Wood)*, 825 F.2d 90, 93 (5th Cir. 1987). In the present case, the State Court Action could have an affect on the bankruptcy and, therefore, it is appropriate for this Court to exercise "related to" jurisdiction.

**Pleadings of State Court Action**

13. True and correct copies of process and pleadings filed in this action are filed herewith.

**Reservation**

14. No admission of fact, law or liability is intended by this Notice of Removal, and all defenses, motions, counterclaims, and pleas are expressly reserved.

NOW THEREFORE, all parties are hereby notified to proceed no further in the State Court Action styled as *Rhodes Holdings, LLC et al. v. Gorham et al.*; Cause No. 2013-CI-02253; pending in the 285<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court of Bexar County, Texas and MCI Partners, LLC requests any other relief the Court deems just and equitable.

Respectfully Submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that on May 31, 2013, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served in accordance with Federal Rules of Civil Procedure upon:

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***Rhodes Holdings, LLC et al. v. Gorham et al.*; Cause No. 2013-CI-02253 in the 285<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court of Bexar County, Texas**

**Plaintiffs:**

Rhodes Holdings, LLC,  
Recap Marketing & Consulting, LLP;  
WEM Equity Capital Investment, Ltd;  
Robert C. Rhodes;  
Delta S Ventures LP;  
Hunter M.A. Carr;  
William McIlwain;  
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PRIVATE PROCESS

"The State of Texas"

NO. 2013-CI-02253

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RHODES HOLDINGS LLC ET AL  
Plaintiff  
vs.

DAVID L GORHAM ET AL

Defendant

( Note: Attached Document May Contain Additional Litigants. )

IN THE DISTRICT COURT

285th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

## NOTICE

Citation Directed to: ANTONIO ESTRADA

"You have been sued. You may employ an attorney. If you or your attorney do not file a written answer with the clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration of twenty days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you." Said petition was filed on the 12th day of February, 2013.

ISSUED UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF SAID COURT ON THIS 13th DAY OF February A.D., 2013.

PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION  
APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER AND TEMPORARY AND  
PERMANENT INJUNCTION AND REQUEST FOR DISCLOSURE



DONNA KAY MCKINNEY  
District Clerk of Bexar County, Texas

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EXHIBIT

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## **DISCOVERY**

2. Plaintiffs intend to conduct discovery under Level 3 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure 190.4.

## **PARTIES**

3. Plaintiff RHODES HOLDINGS, LLC is a Texas limited liability company.
4. Plaintiff ROBERT C. RHODES is a resident of Texas.
5. Plaintiff RECAP MARKETING & CONSULTING LLP is a Texas Limited Liability Partnership.
6. Plaintiff DELTA S VENTURES LP is a Texas Limited Partnership.
7. Plaintiff HUNTER M. A. CARR is a resident of Texas.
8. Plaintiff WEM EQUITY CAPITAL INVESTMENTS, LTD. is a Texas Limited Partnership.
9. Plaintiff WILLIAM MCILWAIN is a resident of Texas.
10. Defendant DAVID L. GORHAM may be served with citation at the following address: 1778 Morning Glory Lane, Pocatello, Idaho, 83201-1960 or wherever he may be located.
11. Defendant MCI PARTNERS, LLC is a Delaware Limited Liability Company whose registered agent is Harvard Business Services, Inc. and may be served with citation at the following address: 16192 Coastal Way, Lewes, DE 19958.
12. Defendant ARTHUR L. SMITH is a resident of Bexar County, Texas and may be served with citation at the following address: 8023 Hermosa Hill, San Antonio Texas

78256 or at 3201 Cherry Ridge Suite C-300, San Antonio Texas 78230 or wherever he may be located.

13. Defendant ANTONIO ESTRADA is a resident of Bexar County, Texas and may be served with citation at the following address: 1807 Deer Ridge St. San Antonio, Texas 78232 or at 3201 Cherry Ridge Suite C-300, San Antonio Texas 78230 or at 3463 Magic Drive, Suite 202, San Antonio Texas 78229 or wherever he may be located.

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16. Defendant BERT TERRY DUNKEN JR. may be served with citation at the following address: 2203 Greenhaven Dr., Sugarland, Texas 77479 or at 12603 Southwest Freeway, Suite 170, Stafford, Texas 77477 or wherever he may be located.

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#### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

18. This Court has jurisdiction over this matter because the amount in controversy is within the jurisdictional limits of this Court, and because Plaintiffs seek writs of

injunction. Venue is proper in this Court under Section 15.002(a)(1) of the TEXAS CIVIL PRACTICE AND REMEDIES CODE because all or a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claims occurred in Bexar County, Texas. Venue is also proper in this Court under Sections 15.002(a)(2) & (3) and 15.005 of the TEXAS CIVIL PRACTICE AND REMEDIES CODE because one or more Defendants are residents of Bexar County, Texas.

### FACTS

19. David L. Gorham (“Gorham”), acting through and in concert with Bert “Terry” Dunken (“Dunken”) and Arthur L. Smith (“Smith”), is breaking federal and state securities law by acting as a control person for a publicly traded company. Dave Gorham has tried to be an undisclosed control person over a public company but has intentionally remained invisible in SEC filings although he has controls the deal. It is unlawful for Gorham to be a control person over a public company and not be disclosed as such. Such action places the company and its officers and directors at risk of sanctions and possible prosecution by the SEC.

20. Mark Townsend and Scott Hepford contacted Hunter M. A. Carr (“Carr”) of Recap Marketing and Consulting, LLP (“Recap”) about buying out Dishon Disposal, Inc. (“Dishon”). Dishon and another company, Hurley Enterprises, Inc. (“Hurley”), were companies located in North Dakota that were growing rapidly as a result of the Bakken North Dakota oil field development. The representative of Dishon was **David Gorham**. Instead of Dishon being bought out, Gorham decided the Dishon and Hurley companies would be combined and that the two companies would be taken public in a reverse-merger in which the two companies would be acquired by a publicly traded company.

21. Robert C. Rhodes (“Rhodes”) was brought in to facilitate in taking the companies public and to help them raise capital. In several meetings with Gorham, Gorham made material misrepresentations to Carr and Rhodes about the transaction. First, Gorham stated he had formerly been CFO of the New York Times newspapers and that overseen an \$18 billion company. Gorham represented he had overseen \$64 billion of dollars of funding for green energy projects. However, Gorham stated he did not want his name involved in the transaction with Dishon and Hurley because it involved oil and gas energy and that he didn’t wanted to be associated with such “dirty” energy. Gorham stated he had been involved in “green technology” and this would taint his reputation to be associated with traditional oil and gas drilling operations. Later, Plaintiffs discovered the real reason Gorham wanted to hide his involvement. Gorham attempted to take profits out of the transaction and control the company as an undisclosed principal.

22. Gorham stated that his company, MCI Partners, LLC (“MCI”) was buying Dishon and Hurley for \$19 million each for a total price of \$38 million. Gorham informed Carr and Rhodes as well as others that Dishon and Hurley did not want to wait to get their money as would be required under an IPO and they did not want to have their money used as the sole source for buying out their own companies. Thus, the strategy that Gorham wanted to effect the transaction is commonly referred to as a “reverse merger.” Carr, as a part of his consulting, put together MCI, with Digerati Technologies, Inc., (“Digerati”) a Nevada Corporation with its headquarters in San Antonio, Texas.

23. As per Digerati’s latest filed 10Q, Digerati, by its own admission as of October 31, 2012, reported “substantial doubt about Digerati’s ability to continue as a going concern.” See Digerati’s October 31, 2012 10Q on file with the SEC. Digerati reported

that it had net losses of \$77 million with a working capital deficit of \$2 million. Digerati's CEO was Arthur L. Smith and its CFO was Antonio Estrada ("Estrada"), both of whom live in San Antonio, Texas. Digerati's management reported that as of October 31, 2012, "management believes that current resources available will not be sufficient to fund the Company's operations over the next 12 months." *See* Digerati's October 31, 2012 10Q on file with the SEC. As reported by Smith, just prior to the merger the original Digerati, as a publicly traded company, had a market value of less than \$300,000.

24. Rhodes had been contractually engaged by MCI to find a public entity vehicle for the transaction in which to move MCI's clients, Dishon and Hurley. Digerati had a prior consulting relationship with Carr. Rhodes and Carr offered to recommend Digerati as the right candidate for the Dishon and Hurley transaction if Smith would commit to certain actions. Carr and Rhodes explained to Smith that a merger of Digerati with Dishon and Hurley might help his company survive.

25. According to Smith, Digerati had been established in 1994. But according to Digerati's public filings, it had seen better days and was now on the verge of not being able to meet its ongoing obligations. However, because Digerati's stock has been registered and publicly traded since 1994, as represented by Smith, Digerati was one of several candidates that would meet the requirements of Gorham's "reverse merger" for the Dishon and Hurley buy out by MCI Partners.

26. As part of the proposed deal that Rhodes and Carr designed and provided the strategy for the overall deal structure, Digerati would buy out Dishon and Hurley with stock and a note. Dishon and Hurley would get a note for \$38 million or \$19 million each. The original Digerati under Smith would be moved into a subsidiary called Shift 8

Technologies, Inc. ("Shift 8") in which Smith would be Chairman and CEO. Art Smith would relinquish all officer positions in the parent company, Digerati and for a time would remain as a Board of Digerati. The plan was that over time Shift 8 would eventually be spun off from Digerati where it would be independent. New board of director members were to be placed on the newly constituted Board of Digerati as well as all new officers. Most importantly, Smith committed to moving all of the current debt of Digerati to Shift 8 so that the resulting Digerati would be debt free. As a result of the transaction, Smith's company got a loan of \$170,000 which was paid by Rhodes Holdings, LLC. Shift 8 also received 5% of the shares of the newly formed Digerati. This transaction as structured would result in virtually saving Smith's operations from insolvency and provide the medium for Dishon and Hurley to be taken public along the guidelines proscribed by Gorham.

27. Transactions documents were executed and Digerati hired SEC counsel to consummate the deal. Gorham and Dunken, an attorney engaged by Gorham, insisted that the transaction had to close in calendar year 2012 because they were putting all of the Dishon and Hurley capital gains into tax shelters to avoid paying what they described as the Obama tax increases that they claimed were coming in 2013. As described by Terry Dunken, the Dunken tax shelter scheme that he was designing was based upon giving all of the capital gains to a charity and then buying a life insurance policy for the charity's executive and then keeping control over the money and making the profits off the money, until the charity's executive dies. Dunken claimed this tax shelter was legal but he said the transaction had to close before the end of the year because there a possibility Obama might end this "golden goose." After long hours and great effort, Carr and Rhodes as well

as the other members of the deal team were able to get the transaction to close on November 26, 2012.

28. On November 26, 2012, as planned, Digerati merged with a company called Waste Deep, Inc. Gorham and Dunken represented that Waste Deep owned 100% of the capital stock of Dishon and Hurley. Gorham and Dunken represented that the principal shareholder of Waste Deep was Oleum Capital, LLC. The merger transaction was arranged for the purpose of moving Waste Deep into a publicly-traded company so that Waste Deep on behalf of Dishon and Hurley and any newly created operating subsidiaries would have access to public market capital through American Equity Fund, LLC.

29. It was always represented that the transaction was structured for a purchase price of \$38 million. However, after the closing Carr and Rhodes discovered that Gorham and Dunken had changed the purchase price to \$60 million. This meant the entire deal structure had been altered. When Carr and Rhodes tried to discuss this issue, they were met with silence and no one was willing to explain why the price changed or who was getting the additional \$22 million. Carr and Rhodes became suspicious that Gorham had put his own interest ahead of the Dishon and Hurley companies and that Gorham himself was attempting to take the additional \$22 million for himself or his trust. The 60% increase in the price of the deal now made the deal more difficult to price in the market and substantially more difficult to find the capital that the new venture needed to meet the capital expectations of the Dishon and Hurley companies.

30. Then, in a curious turn of events, upon the closing of the transaction, Smith and Estrada had affirmatively represented that they had moved the debt that the original Digerati owed into Shift 8. Smith affirmatively represented to Carr, Rhodes and William

McIlwain ("McIlwain") that the debt had been moved such that Digerati was debt and liability free. This was a lie. In fact, it was later discovered that Digerati had over two million dollars in debts and other liabilities remaining as obligations of the company at and after the closing that could not be spun off.

31. After the transaction closed on November 26, 2012, all of a sudden, David Gorham and Dunken stopped returning phone calls and ceased providing information to Carr, McIlwain and Rhodes. Upon discovery of Smith's deceptive act of not moving the debt into Shift 8 as promised and represented, Carr proposed several strategies to resolve the issue. However, no one would respond.

32. Then, on December 23rd, Gorham and Dunken in concert with Smith and Estrada came up with a plan to oust Carr and Rhodes. Instead of moving forward with the SEC filings necessary to complete the public filing requirements, Smith, Gorham and Dunken, acting in concert, moved to oust the new board of Digerati and to replace them with only Smith. Then, Gorham and Dunken moved to replace all of the officers of Digerati with Smith, himself. Without holding a shareholder meeting, Dunken, Gorham and Smith simply announce Digerati's board members Kelley V. Kirker and McIlwain, were removed. John Howell, the CEO of Digerati after the closing resigned. Then, without holding a board of directors meeting, Art Smith, claiming to be the sole board member, in concert with Dunken and Gorham, simply announced he was now Chairman, President and CEO of the new Digerati. Then, they attempted to blame Carr and Rhodes for Smith's refusal and outright lying about moving the debt of Digerati to Shift 8.

33. John Howell, the new CEO of Digerati, informed Rhodes and Carr and McIlwain that they were moving the assets out of Digerati and thus the deal was dead meaning that

Carr, Rhodes and McIlwain would simply lose the entire value of the stock they had received in the transaction.

34. McIlwain was concerned as a Director, Investor and Stockholder that all shareholders would lose all of their investment in Digerati.

35. On December 28, 2012, Smith in concert with Dunken and Gorham purported to fire Digerati's SEC legal counsel, Robert Sonfield. Upon information and belief, Gorham and Dunken are attempting to find a new company to spin the Dishon and Hurley companies into so that they do not have to pay Rhodes and Carr for their strategy but at the same time keep Dishon and Hurley committed to Gorham's purchase agreement.

36. To keep the transaction on track protect the corporation and shareholders, McIlwain and Kirker called a board meeting. Smith declined to attend. At the board meeting, the board elected Rhodes to replace the previous board member that had resigned. Rhodes was then elected as CEO of Digerati and was told to proceed with the SEC required filings.

37. Then, Smith, Gorham and Dunken became making false and defamatory statements about Rhodes and Carr. Smith, Gorham and Dunken began accusing Carr and Rhodes of theft and other acts of dishonesty.

38. After Smith, Gorham and Dunken began to attack and slander Rhodes and Carr, it was revealed that Gorham was not the "choir boy" he claimed to be. Gorham was previously convicted of felony grand theft in Florida. Gorham stole \$100,000 from a woman he worked with and after his arrest, Gorham eventually pled guilty to the felony charge. In addition, Gorham had two misdemeanor convictions for theft by check or worthless check.

## **CAUSES OF ACTION**

### **Fraud**

39. Plaintiffs incorporates the foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

40. As set out above, Defendants have committed fraud. The Defendants made misrepresentations to Plaintiffs, including but not limited to, that the purchase price/transaction size was going to be \$38 million. That the debt would and actually was moved from Digerati to Shift 8. That Gorham was the New York Times CFO and had completed billions of projects and was familiar with the process of taking a company public. That Plaintiffs were to be provided common stock after the transactions closed. That Plaintiffs were to be provided warrants for common stock after the closing. That the market cap would be over \$300 million resulting in at least \$5.00 common share price. Plaintiffs relied upon these representations and arranged a viable merger. Those representations were false. Defendants had no intention of honoring their promises. Defendants did not move the debt to Shift 8 and did not give the stock to Plaintiffs and did not create the value as represented. Defendants' misrepresentations were material. Defendants knew the representations were false or, at the very least, they made the misrepresentations as positive assertions without knowledge of their truth. Defendants made the misrepresentations with the intention that Plaintiffs rely on them and Plaintiffs reasonably relied on the representations to its detriment. The misrepresentations proximately caused injury and damages to Plaintiffs.

### **Fraudulent Inducement**

41. Plaintiffs incorporate the foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

42. As set out above, Defendants made numerous fraudulent misrepresentations, including those set forth in the preceding cause of action, and false promises of performance with no actual intent to perform. Plaintiffs entered into one or more contracts in reliance upon those misrepresentations and Plaintiffs suffered injury and damages as a result. Accordingly, Defendants have committed fraud in the inducement.

**Cause of Action - Statutory Fraud**

43. Plaintiffs incorporate the foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

44. The transaction at the heart of this case involved stock. As set out above, Defendants made numerous false representations of fact and false promises during the transaction. Each Defendant also benefited by not disclosing that the others' representations and promises were false. Defendants did so to induce Plaintiffs to enter into contracts and perform services that Plaintiffs reasonably relied on the misrepresentations in entering into contracts. Plaintiffs suffered injury and damages as a result of Defendants' statutory fraud.

**Breach of Fiduciary Duty**

45. Plaintiffs incorporate the foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

46. As set out above, Defendant Smith was the Chairman, CEO of Digerati and Estrada was its CFO before the merger. Plaintiff McIlwain was a stock holder in Digerati before and after the merger. Smith and Estrada owed McIlwain a fiduciary duty. Smith and Estrada owed duties of loyalty and utmost good faith, candor, full disclosure, to refrain from self dealing, fair and honest dealing, and the duty to act with integrity of the strictest kind. As set out above, Defendants have brazenly and repeatedly breached each of those duties. Defendants' breach of those duties has injured McIlwain and benefited the

Defendants. Gorham and Dunken acted in concert with Smith to breach the fiduciary duties owed by Smith and Estrada.

**Participation in Breach of Fiduciary Duty**

47. Plaintiffs incorporate the foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

48. Each of the Defendants knowing participated in breaches of fiduciary duty by the other Defendants. Accordingly, each Defendant is liable for all of the breaches of the others.

**Libel/Slander**

49. Plaintiffs incorporate the foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

50. Defendants have slandered Rhodes and Carr. Defendants made false statements, including that Robert Rhodes had stolen property belonging to Digerati and that he was not properly elected Chief Executive Officer and director and that William McIlwain was not elected Chairman of the Board of Directors and Corporate Secretary. Defendants accused Carr of stealing as well. Defendants' statements were defamatory, and they were false. Defendants were acting with malice (or at the very least extreme negligence). The statements proximately caused Plaintiffs to suffer injury and damages.

**Business Disparagement**

51. Plaintiffs incorporate the foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

52. As set out above, Defendants made disparaging statements. At least some of those statements related to Plaintiff's economic interests. The statements were false and Defendants published them with malice and without any privilege to do so. The statements caused Plaintiffs to suffer special damages. Accordingly, Defendants are liable for business disparagement.

### **Texas Securities Act Violations**

53. Plaintiffs incorporate the foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

54. Defendants made false statements regarding the securities of Digerati and sold or offered to sell to Plaintiffs securities by means of untrue statements of material fact and/or omissions to state material facts necessary in order to make the statements made, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, causing damages to Plaintiffs. Additionally and/or alternatively, Defendants directly or indirectly controlled buyers of the securities and/or materially aided the buyers with intent to deceive or defraud or with reckless disregard for the truth or the law. Therefore, Defendants are jointly and severally liable for rescission and/or damages as provided by the Texas Securities Act.

### **Conspiracy**

55. Plaintiffs incorporate the foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

56. Defendants conspired against Plaintiffs Digerati to, *inter alia*, unlawfully gain control of Plaintiffs stock and ownership of the new Digerati. Each of the Defendants was a member of a combination of two or more persons. The object of the combination was to accomplish an unlawful purpose (or, at the very least a lawful purpose by unlawful means). The Defendants had a meeting of the minds on the object of the course of action and at least one of the Defendants committed an unlawful over act to further the object or course of action. Plaintiffs suffered injury as a result of Defendants' wrongful acts.

### **Aiding and Abetting**

57. Plaintiffs incorporate the foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

58. Each of the Defendants is liable for the wrongful conduct of the others because each Defendant aided and abetted the others. As set out above, each Defendant breached a legal duty and personally participated in the wrongful conduct or assisted another in a substantial way, causing injury to Plaintiffs. Alternatively, each Defendant knew of the goal of the wrongful conduct of another and personally encouraged or assisted in a substantial way causing injury to Plaintiffs.

#### **APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER**

59. Plaintiffs pray the Court issue a temporary restraining order enjoining Defendants and all persons and entities acting in concert with them from:

- a) Moving any of the assets of Digerati out of the company or executing any documents that would move or transfer the assets out of Digerati.
- b) Taking any action or making any statements to the effect that any of them are authorized to move any assets or alter any assets relating to or belonging to Digerati or any of its affiliates or subsidiaries;
- c) Manipulating the price of any securities of Digerati;
- d) Accessing, changing the password on, or making any other changes to any bank or commercial account in the name of or used for the benefit of Digerati or any of its affiliates or subsidiaries, whether those accounts are online or otherwise, or to any online accounts relating to or owned by Digerati Technologies, Inc. or any of its affiliates or subsidiaries;
- e) Filing any documents with any state or federal agency, self-regulatory organization, authority, regulatory body or other entity, including the Securities and Exchange Commission, any securities exchange, any transfer agent, any

secretary of state, and any bank, purporting to be on behalf of Digerati or any of its affiliates or subsidiaries;

- f) Making any SEC statements purporting to be on behalf of Digerati or any of its affiliates or subsidiaries including Dishon Disposal, Inc., Hurley Enterprises, Inc., Oleum Capital LLC or MCI Partners, LLC.
- g) Assessing, changing the password on, or making any other changes to any website of Digerati Technologies, Inc. or any of its affiliates or subsidiaries including Dishon Disposal, Inc., Hurley Enterprises, Inc., Oleum Capital LLC or MCI Partners, LLC.
- h) Taking any other action designed to impair Digerati Technologies, Inc.'s ability to conduct its business.
- i) Destroying, altering, secreting, or disposing of any documents or electronic data or medium with any information or communication pertaining to Digerati Technologies, or Dishon Disposal, Inc., Hurley Enterprises, Inc., Oleum Capital LLC or MCI Partners, LLC.

60. It is probable that Plaintiffs will recover from Defendants after a trial on the merits for the reasons set forth above. In particular, Plaintiffs will recover because Defendants have committed fraud, statutory fraud and violations of the Texas Securities Act as well as libeled and slandered Plaintiffs. Defendants have no colorable claim to the contrary, and their campaign of interference, libel, conversion, and sabotage is unlawful and otherwise tortious.

61. If Plaintiffs application is not granted, harm is imminent. Defendants' attempt to scuttle the transaction and move the assets and otherwise making fraudulent and unlawful

attacks against Plaintiffs' ownership interest in Digerati and its subsidiaries impairs the existence and ability of the company to exist. The harm that will result if the temporary restraining order is not issued is irreparable. As a small, publicly-traded company, it is essential that Digerati display as much credibility, competence, and certainty as it can. The destructive conduct of Plaintiffs in trying to move the assets from Digerati to another entity and the interference with the filing and publication of required SEC filings creates confusion in the marketplace and damages Digerati's credibility and reputation. Defendants' actions increase uncertainty that will depress Digerati's stock price and make it more difficult for Digerati to access equity capital, borrow money, or obtain commercial credit. Their actions also create unnecessary difficulties in dealing with the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Nevada Secretary of State, and other governmental and regulatory bodies. Defendants campaign has already damaged Digerati in ways that are severe, difficult to quantify, and likely impossible to ever fully repair.

62. Plaintiffs have no adequate remedy at law because the Defendants are continuing to inflict damages on Digerati and are attempting to move the companies assets which are not measurable by any certain pecuniary standard, and no amount of money damages--even if Defendants could pay them--could undo the harm the Defendants have made clear they will continue inflicting.

63. Plaintiffs are willing to post bond. Plaintiffs ask that the bond amount be nominal, however, because the relief sought would not cause any financial harm to Defendants. Defendants have control of all of Digerati's assets and income.

64. There is not enough time to serve notice on Defendants and to hold a hearing on this application, because Plaintiffs need for relief is immediate and Defendants have

indicated they are in the process of denuiding the company of its assets. Moreover, Defendants' conduct to date has established good cause to believe that Defendants, if given notice of this hearing, will rush to cause as much additional harm and move as many assets as possible before the Court can enjoin their unlawful conduct

#### **REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY INJUNCTION**

65. Plaintiffs ask the court to set its application for temporary injunction for a hearing and, after the hearing, issue a temporary injunction against Defendants.

66. Plaintiffs have joined all indispensable parties they are aware of under Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 39.

#### **REQUEST FOR PERMANENT INJUNCTION**

67. Plaintiffs ask the Court to set its request for a permanent injunction for a full trial on the merits and, after the trial, issues a permanent injunction against Defendants.

#### **JURY DEMAND**

68. Plaintiffs demand a jury trial and tenders the appropriate fee with this Petition.

#### **CONDITIONS PRECEDENT**

69. All conditions precedent to Plaintiff's claim for relief have been performed or have occurred.

#### **REQUEST FOR DISCLOSURE**

70. Under Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 194, Plaintiff request that Defendants disclose within 50 days of the service of this request, or at an earlier time as ordered by the Court, the information or material described in Rule 194.2.

#### **PRAYER**

For these reasons, Plaintiffs ask that Defendants be cited to appear and answer and, on final trial, that Plaintiffs be awarded a judgment against Defendants for the following:

- a. Temporary and permanent injunctive relief;
- b. Damages;
- c. Exemplary and punitive damages;
- d. Prejudgment interest;
- e. Post-judgment interest;
- f. Declaratory judgment of the rights and authority of the parties to speak for and act on behalf of Plaintiffs;
- g. Attorneys' fees and expenses;
- h. Costs of court; and
- i. Such other relief as the court may find just.

Respectfully submitted,

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**DECLARATION OF WILLIAM McILWAIN**

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared William McIlwain known to me and who being duly sworn on his oath stated:

1. My name is William McIlwain and I am over 18 years of age, of sound mind, and capable of making this affidavit.

2. The statements herein are true and correct and based upon my personal knowledge.

3. I own stock in Digerati Technologies, Inc. ("Digerati") through WEM Equity Capital Investments, Ltd. Long before there was any discussion of a merger of Digerati with Dishon Disposal, Inc. or Hurley Enterprises, Inc., I through WEM Equity Capital Investments, Ltd. invested money into Digerati. I through WEM Equity Capital Investments, Ltd. invested \$100,000 in Digerati in 2010. Since that time, WEM Equity Capital Investments, Ltd. has held stock in Digerati, a publicly traded company.

4. Art Smith and Antonio Estrada made representations to me and others before the merger of Digerati on November 26, 2012 that all of the debt of Digerati would be moved to Shift 8, Inc. Art Smith and Antonio Estrada represented just prior to and after the transaction that the debt had in fact been moved to Shift 8, Inc. It was later discovered that Art Smith and Antonio Estrada had lied and that the debt of Digerati had in fact not been moved to Shift 8, Inc.

5. After the merger on November 26, 2012, John Howell, the new CEO of Digerati informed me that "the Digerati deal was doomed and my departure had nothing to do with that" and that "Digerati will be of little value as none of the oil assets remain." If this happens,

Digerati will be denuded of all of its assets and will have no value such that all share holders except the Defendants all of the value in the company. WEM Equity Capital Investments, Ltd.'s substantial investment in Digerati will be worthless. Given the volatile state of the market for Digerati securities, it may be impossible to give a precise value of the loss WEM Equity Capital Investments, Ltd. would incur if David Gorham, Terry Dunken and Art Smith are permitted to denude Digerati of its primary assets.

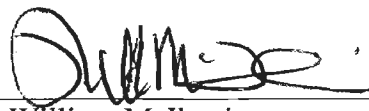
6. I was elected to Digerati's board of directors. In December 2012, David Gorham, Terry Dunken and Art Smith attempted unlawfully to have me removed as a director. This action was taken by them to further their attempt to denude Digerati of its assets.

7. At no point during this transaction did I know that David Gorham had a previous felony conviction for grand theft.

JURAT

My name is William McIlwain. My address is 3111 Rosemary Park Lane, Houston, Texas 77082.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Fort Bend County in the State of Texas, on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February 2013.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William McIlwain', is written over a horizontal line.

William McIlwain

**AFFIDAVIT OF HUNTER M. A. CARR**

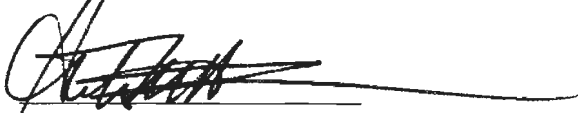
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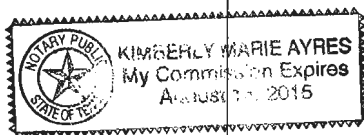
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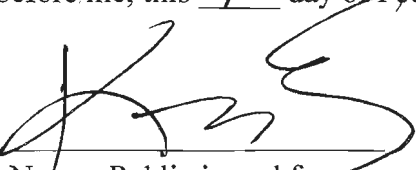
BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Hunter M. A. Carr, known to me and who being duly sworn on his oath stated:

1. My name is Hunter Carr and I am over 18 years of age, of sound mind, and capable of making this affidavit.
2. I am competent to testify to all matters in this affidavit on personal knowledge, and the matters are true and correct.
3. I have read Plaintiff's Original Petition and Application for Temporary Restraining Order and Temporary and Permanent Injunction and Request for Disclosure and all of the facts contained in the 'Facts' section are true and correct.

  
Hunter M. A. Carr

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO, before me, this 12 day of February, 2013.



  
Notary Public in and for  
The State of Texas

**AFFIDAVIT OF ROBERT C. RHODES**

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Robert C. Rhodes, known to me and who being duly sworn on his oath stated:

1. My name is Robert C. Rhodes and I am over 18 years of age, of sound mind, and capable of making this affidavit.

2. I was engaged by MCI Partners to facilitate a client going public. I acted as a consultant in putting together a merger of Digerati Technologies, Inc. (“Digerati”) and MCI Partners, LLC, Waste Deep, Inc. (“Waste Deep”), Oleum Capital, LLC, and the Dishon Disposal, Inc. (“Dishon”) and Hurley Enterprises, Inc. (“Hurley”) companies. That transaction closed on November 26, 2012.

Prior to the transaction, David Gorham had represented to me that the transaction size was going to be \$38 million, which meant we would have equity within the company to sell into the market to raise capital for the new Digerati that would emerge after the merger.

After the transaction closed, I discovered that the transaction purchase agreement that David Gorham had put into place was \$60 million leaving no amount with which to raise equity in the market.

In addition, Arthur Smith and Digerati’s CFO prior to the closing on November 26, 2012, Antonio Estrada, both represented and promised to me that they would move Digerati’s existing

debt down to a subsidiary, Shift 8 Technologies, Inc. such that the remaining Digerati would be debt and liability free.

At the time of the transaction, Arthur Smith and Antonio Estrada represented to me that they had moved all of the debt and liabilities to Shift 8 Technologies, Inc. leaving Digerati debt and liability free. After the closing, it was discovered the debt had not in fact been moved to Shift 8 Technologies, Inc. and that the debt remained in Digerati. The representations Arthur Smith and Antonio Estrada made were material, false and they were relied upon by me to my detriment and the detriment of Delta S Ventures LP.

John Howell, the new CEO of Digerati after the merger, resigned just a few weeks after the merger. John Howell informed us that Digerati was dead because they were going to take all of the assets out of Digerati. This meant that all of the shares in Digerati that the Rhodes Holdings LLC had acquired would be worthless.

David Gorham and Terry Dunken began to execute a plan to denude Digerati of its newly acquired assets and to "unwind" the transaction by taking all of the assets of Digerati and placing them in a shell company. On December 23, 2012, David Gorham and Terry Dunken purported to take action to take Digerati away from its duly elected Board and place it under the sole control of Arthur Smith who was reporting to David Gorham and Terry Dunken.

I was never told that David Gorham had a felony conviction for grand theft in the state of Florida amongst other arresting convictions.

On January 16, 2013, a board of directors meeting was called at which time I was appointed to the Board of Directors and then made CEO of Digerati by the vote of the majority of the Board of Directors consisting of Mr. Kelley Kirker and Mr. Bill McIlwain.

If David Gorham, Terry Dunken and Arthur Smith are allowed to continue on the current course, I will lose all value in my Series A Preferred Stock because of John Howell's statement that all assets will be stripped from the company.

I have a security interest in the outstanding Digerati Series E Preferred Stock shares in the amount of \$170,000.00. I never approved the transfer of those shares. The Defendants' actions impair my lien rights in that security.

9. The Closing Memorandum was executed by Arthur Smith, Gary Haak, President of Waste Deep, Terry Dunken, Oleum Capital, LLC ("Oleum"), Hurley and Dishon.

10. I was informed that on or about December 23, 2012, Oleum fraudulently purported to exercise its rights under the Series E Preferred Stock to terminate Mr. Kelley Kirker and Mr. William McIlwain as directors and the law firm of Sonfield & Sonfield, as corporate counsel and purported to elect Arthur Smith as Chief Executive Officer.

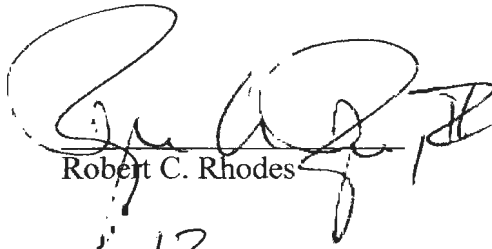
11. On January 16, 2013, I was appointed CEO of Digerati and also appointed to the Board of Digerati. The board minutes properly reflect that I was so elected.

13. Rhodes Holdings LLC owns 15,000 shares of Series A Preferred Stock shares of Digerati. If I am deprived or restrained from fulfilling my duties as CEO, shareholders including my company Rhodes Holdings LLC will suffer significant losses in value.

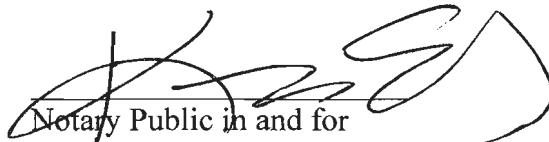
Personally, Rhodes Holdings LLC's damages due to the current ongoing conduct would exceed \$7.5 million dollars.

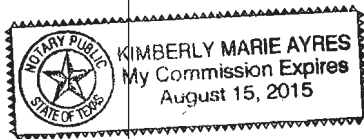
15. The Defendants have obstructed actions such that the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation have not and cannot be filed with the Secretary of State of Nevada because the Schedule 14C is not effective and has not been mailed to the shareholders as provided in the Agreement and Closing Memorandum and required by the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

As the CEO of Digerati, it has become clear to me that Dave Gorham is acting as a control person for Digerati and Waist Deep. Dave Gorham is an undisclosed control person over a public company but has remained invisible in SEC filings although he has controlled the deals. It is unlawful for David Gorham to be a control person over a public company and not be disclosed as such. Such action places the company and its officers and directors at risk of sanctions and possible prosecution by the SEC.

  
Robert C. Rhodes

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO, before me, this 12 day of February, 2013.

  
Notary Public in and for  
The State of Texas



PRIVATE PROCESS



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Case Number: 2013-CI-02253

RHODES HOLDINGS LLC ET AL

VS.

DAVID L GORHAM ET AL

IN THE DISTRICT COURT  
285th JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS**TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER**

With Bond

"THE STATE OF TEXAS"

To: ANTONIO ESTRADA

Whereas, in a certain cause pending on the docket of the 285th Judicial District Court of Bexar County, Texas, being cause number 2013-CI-02253, wherein RHODES HOLDINGS LLC ET AL is Plaintiff and ANTONIO ESTRADA is Respondent. In said suit the Plaintiff has filed an Original Petition, asking among other things, for the granting and issuance of a Temporary Restraining Order, to restrain the Respondent, ANTONIO ESTRADA as fully set out and prayed for, a copy of which is attached hereto and to which reference is hereby made for the injunctive relief sought by the Plaintiff. Upon presentation and consideration of said petition, the Honorable OLIN B. STRAUSS has entered the following, to-wit: copy of order attached to writ served, and whereas, bond (if required) has been filed and approved;

These are therefore, to RESTRAIN, and you the said Respondent, ANTONIO ESTRADA, are hereby RESTRAINED as fully set out in the Temporary Restraining Order, a copy of which is attached hereto, made a part hereof, and to which reference is hereby made for a full and complete statement of the injunctive relief ordered by the Court.

And you are further notified that the hearing on the Application for Temporary Injunction is set at the Bexar County Courthouse in the City of San Antonio, Texas on the 25th day of February, 2013, A.D., at 9:00 o'clock A.M. in room 109, Presiding District Court at which time you are required to appear and show cause, if any, why said Injunction should not be granted as prayed for.

HEREIN FAIL NOT TO OBEY THIS WRIT, UNDER THE PAINS AND PENALTIES PRESCRIBED BY LAW! ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE, AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS the 13th Day of February A.D., 2013.

LLOYD E KELLEY  
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF  
2726 BISSONNET ST 240  
HOUSTON, TX 77005-1319



**Donna Kay McKinney**  
**Bexar County District Clerk**

By: *Marc Garcia*, Deputy

**RETURN**

CAME TO HAND ON THE \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, A.D. \_\_\_\_ AT \_\_\_\_ O'CLOCK \_\_\_\_ M. AND EXECUTED (NOT EXECUTED) ON THE \_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, A.D., \_\_\_\_ BY DELIVERING TO \_\_\_\_\_ IN PERSON, A TRUE COPY OF THIS TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER UPON WHICH I ENDORSED THE DATE OF DELIVERY. CAUSE OF FAILURE TO EXECUTE THIS TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER IS \_\_\_\_\_

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the Digerati Technologies, Inc. of its only assets of value. Defendants' conduct creates confusion in the marketplace and damages Digerati Technologies, Inc.'s credibility and reputation. Defendants' actions increase uncertainty that will likely further depress Digerati Technologies, Inc.'s stock price and make it more difficult for Plaintiff to access equity capital, borrow money, or obtain commercial credit. Defendant's actions also create unnecessary difficulties in dealing with the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Nevada Secretary of State, and other governmental and regulatory bodies.

Plaintiffs have no adequate remedy at law because the Defendants are continuing to inflict damages on Plaintiffs which are not measurable by any certain pecuniary standard, and no amount of money damages could undo the harm the Defendants are inflicting.

An ex parte order, without notice to Defendants, is necessary because there was not enough time to give notice to Defendants, hold a hearing, and issue a restraining order before the irreparable injury, loss, or damage would occur.

Therefore, the Court ORDERS that Defendants MCI Partners, LLC, David L. Gorham, Bert Terry Dunken Jr., Arthur L. Smith, John R. Fleming, Murray R. Nye, Antonio Estrada, and Lou Soumas and any person or entity acting in concert with them, including but not limited to its servicers, attorneys, agents, servants, employees, successors, heirs and assigns, are restrained and hereby enjoined from:

- a) Moving any of the assets of Digerati Technologies, Inc. out of the company or executing any documents that would move or transfer the assets out of Digerati Technologies, Inc.

- b) Taking any action or making any statements to the effect that any of them are authorized to move any assets or alter any assets relating to or belonging to Digerati Technologies, Inc. or any of its affiliates or subsidiaries;
- c) Manipulating the price of any securities of Digerati Technologies, Inc.
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- e) Filing any documents with any state or federal agency, self-regulatory organization, authority, regulatory body or other entity, including the Securities and Exchange Commission, any securities exchange, any transfer agent, any secretary of state, and any bank, purporting to be on behalf of Digerati Technologies, Inc. or any of its affiliates or subsidiaries.
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- i) Destroying, altering, secreting, or disposing of any documents or electronic data or medium with any information or communication pertaining to Digerati Technologies, or Dishon Disposal, Inc., Hurley Enterprises, Inc., Oleum Capital LLC or MCI Partners, LLC.

The Court further orders the clerk to issue notice to Defendants MCI Partners, LLC, David L. Gorham, Bert Terry Dunken Jr., Arthur L. Smith, John R. Fleming, Murray R. Nye, Antonio Estrada, and Lou Soumas. That the hearing on Plaintiffs' application for a temporary injunction is set for Feb. 25, 2013, at 9:00 a.m./p.m. The purpose of the hearing shall be to determine whether this temporary restraining order should be made a temporary injunction pending a full trial on the merits. This restraining order is effective and binding on against Defendants MCI Partners, LLC, David L. Gorham, Bert Terry Dunken Jr., Arthur L. Smith, John R. Fleming, Murray R. Nye, Antonio Estrada, and Lou Soumas and any person or entity acting in concert with them, including but not limited to its attorneys, servicers, agents, servants, employees, successors, heirs and assigns until the hearing on the application for temporary injunction or until further order of the court.

Bond is set at \$ 200.

This order expires on Feb. 25 2013 at 5:00 p.m., 2013.

Signed on February 12, 2013, at 3:45 a.m./p.m.

  
PRESIDING JUDGE



**Certificate of District Clerk That Plaintiff(s)  
Have Made Cash Deposit In Lieu Of  
Temporary Restraining Order Bond**

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**The State of Texas  
County of Bexar**

**285th Judicial District Court**

I, Donna Kay McKinney, Clerk of the District Courts in and for Bexar County, Texas, do hereby certify that RHODES HOLDINGS, LLC ET AL in Cause No. 2013CI02253, Styled RHODES HOLDINGS, LLC ET AL vs. DAVID L GORHAM ET AL, have this day deposited the sum of TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$200.00) cash, which is the amount ordered by the Court in lieu of a Temporary Restraining Order Bond.

WITNESS, Donna Kay McKinney, Clerk of the District Courts of Bexar County, Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of said Courts of Bexar County, Texas, on February 12, 2013.

Donna Kay McKinney  
District Clerk, Bexar County, Texas

BY:

*Stephanie De Leon*  
Stephanie De Leon, Deputy

**\*\* RECEIPT REQUIRED FOR REFUND OF FUNDS**

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RHODES HOLDINGS, LLC  
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INVESTMENTS, LTD., ROBERT C.  
RHODES, DELTA S. VENTURES LP,  
HUNTER M.A. CARR & WILLIAM  
MCILWAIN

Plaintiffs,

VS.

DAVID L. GORHAM, MCI PARTNERS,  
LLC, ARTHUR L. SMITH, ANTONIO  
ESTRADA, MURRAY R. NYE,  
JOHN R. FLEMING & BERT TERRY  
DUNKEN, JR. AND LOU SOUMAS

Defendants.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT

BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

285<sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT

**DEFENDANTS ARTHUR L. SMITH AND ANTONIO ESTRADA'S  
MOTION TO DISSOLVE TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER  
AND VERIFIED PLEA IN ABATEMENT AND MOTION TO ABATE PROCEEDINGS**

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

Pursuant to Rule 680 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Defendants Arthur L. Smith and Antonio Estrada (Defendants) respectfully request that this Court dissolve the Temporary Restraining Order it entered two days ago and abate this case in favor of the dominant jurisdiction of the Harris County District Court, where this dispute was already and is pending. Defendants additionally request expedited hearing on an emergency basis.

**Summary**

The Plaintiffs in this case are the defendants, and affiliates of defendants, in a Harris County lawsuit over the exact same dispute. There have already been multiple hearings and orders entered in that case (the "First-Filed Harris County Lawsuit").

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The Plaintiffs here (defendants there) are two brokers who put together a reverse merger and one minority shareholder in Digerati Technologies, Inc., one of the companies involved in that merger. Plaintiffs assert in this Court that there was fraud in connection with that reverse merger. They are correct, and they should know, because they committed that fraud. Plaintiffs continued the fraud by coming to this Court and obtaining an *ex parte* Temporary Restraining Order without disclosing to this Court that there is already an action pending against them, and in which they were restrained, in Harris County.

The Temporary Restraining Order the Plaintiffs have obtained from this Court, if maintained, makes it impossible for Digerati to operate. The Temporary Restraining Order should be dissolved, and the parties and their counsel, and this lawsuit should be abated in favor of the First-Filed Harris County Lawsuit.<sup>1</sup> This Motion is supported by the Declaration of Antonio Estrada attached hereto at Exhibit A.

Plaintiff's petition contains more false statements than one could possibly catalog and rebut in the time and space permitted here. What actually happened is set out below and in the declarations and relevant pleadings Digerati asserted in the First-Filed Harris County Lawsuit, which are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference at Exhibit B. But even if all of Plaintiffs' allegations were true, they still could not support a Temporary Restraining Order in this case. Plaintiffs cannot dispute that they are brokers who put together a merger that they now claim was fraudulent. If Plaintiffs are correct about that, they certainly are not entitled to a Temporary Restraining Order to keep anyone from unwinding that fraudulent transaction.

### **Background**

The Temporary Restraining Order in this action involves who has the right to control Digerati Technologies, Inc. The Plaintiffs in this action are a collection of brokers who put

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<sup>1</sup> Relevant pleadings and proof from the Harris County action are submitted herewith and incorporated herein.

together a merger and small minority shareholders who claim they have the right to control the company. Defendants are: (a) the founder of the company and others who are currently trying to run the company on a daily basis; and (b) persons employed by or associated with the indisputable supermajority shareholder of the company.<sup>2</sup>

The transaction at the heart of this case is a reverse merger by which some successful oilfield services companies (Oleum)<sup>3</sup> were merging with a struggling telephony company (Digerati). As a growing company, Oleum needed access to capital so it could expand. It could access that capital more easily and more cheaply if it had publicly traded stock. Digerati had publicly traded stock, but it was struggling and seeing little benefit from being publicly traded. The main point of the reverse merger was that Oleum would end up taking on Digerati's publicly traded shell and Digerati would give up its publicly traded shell in exchange for a small piece of the new company. Oleum would end up owning more than 90% of the merged company. Digerati would own less than 10% and the brokers involved in the transaction would get a small percentage in addition to the cash they already received. After the merger, the original operations of Digerati would be spun off, such that it would again be its own company, but no longer publicly traded, and Oleum would have the same operations it owned before merger, but it would now be publicly traded.

No one disputes that the reverse merger transaction closed. After it closed, Oleum began finding irregularities. Oleum found stock certificates issued to the brokers (the plaintiffs in this action) and companies they controlled, in amounts far in excess of what they were supposed to get. Oleum also found that shares were being issued to someone that one of the Plaintiffs in this

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<sup>2</sup> Curiously, the Plaintiffs chose not to sue the supermajority shareholder. They only sued those persons who might act for it.

<sup>3</sup> Oleum is the majority owner of Waste Deep, which had purchased the two successful oilfield services companies that needed capital. Oleum traded the shares it owned in Waste Deep for the supermajority position in Digerati. In the interest of brevity and hopefully without too much sacrifice of accuracy, some corporate distinctions that are not germane to the issues before the court are ignored herein.

case said was a nominee or pseudonym for the attorney on the transaction. Oleum found that the shell they had bought had millions of dollars of debt that could not be spun off. The Plaintiffs in this case had represented to Oleum that the shell would not have any debt that could not be spun off with the original Digerati operations.<sup>4</sup> Oleum also found that the merged entity would not be able to immediately access capital, which was the whole point of the transaction. When Oleum looked into the brokers whom Oleum had paid \$350,000 to bring it this lousy, fraudulent deal, Oleum found that one of them had a felony fraud conviction and the attorney they had recommended, who was supposed to get SEC approval of the transaction, was being sued by the SEC for fraud in connection with a prior reverse merger.

As a result of the closing that no one contests happened, Oleum was now the supermajority shareholder of Digerati. Oleum used its supermajority shareholder status to remove two directors that the brokers (the Plaintiffs in this case) and their attorney had recommended for Digerati's board. At the time of the merger the brokers had recommended that Digerati install a man named John Howell to be the CEO and Chairman of the Board. When Mr. Howell saw the same irregularities Oleum saw, he resigned. He has now provided a declaration discussing those irregularities.<sup>5</sup> Another director suggested by the brokers and their lawyer also resigned. Oleum voted Digerati's founder and the person who is running its day to day operations, Art Smith, to be the Chairman of the Board (and also now sole director) and CEO. Digerati then terminated its contracts with the SEC-sued SEC lawyer and severed all ties with the brokers. The attorney acknowledged to Digerati and to the SEC that he had been terminated.

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<sup>4</sup> Plaintiff's claim that Art Smith and/or Antonio Estrada committed any fraud is ridiculous. All of the debt was disclosed to Plaintiffs and Plaintiffs even took shares of Digerati that they were supposed to use to obtain consents from creditors for the movement of the debt to the subsidiary.

<sup>5</sup> Ex. 3 to Harris County Petition and Request for TRO.

Any reasonable person would have expected those brokers and their attorney to slink away and hope not to be sued. They did slink away at first, but only for a few weeks. After a few weeks, showing more nerve than sense, the directors that Oleum had removed and the lawyer that Digerati had terminated filed a suit in Nevada state court, purportedly on behalf of Digerati, against Oleum, Digerati's biggest shareholder. This was not any sort of derivative suit; they actually claimed that they were Digerati! They also made bogus filings with the SEC and tried to take other actions as if they were Digerati.

Digerati then filed suit in Harris County (where the terminated brokers, the terminated directors and the terminated attorney reside) and explained to the court that the terminated directors and the terminated lawyer had filed a suit in Nevada and made bogus filings with the SEC. That case has been pending in Harris County since February 4, 2013. Two of the three individual Plaintiffs are defendants in that case, while the third is one of their business partners. All of the other Plaintiffs are just paper entities created by those three individuals. One of the Plaintiffs in the case before this Court has been purposefully evading service in the Harris County action, although he knew of the Harris County Temporary Restraining Order against him within hours of its issuance. The Harris County Court entered a Temporary Restraining Order in the First-Filed Harris County Lawsuit making findings exactly contrary to those Plaintiffs presented to this Court. The Court in Harris County has modified the Temporary Restraining Order at the request of one of the Plaintiff in this case and it has abated the Temporary Restraining Order (for lack of authority to sue in Texas) at the request of one of the Plaintiffs in this case. Digerati now has proof of its authority to do business in Texas and it has moved to reinstate the Harris County Temporary Restraining Order. The parties have appeared before the

Harris County Court twice and they have a hearing on the reinstatement of the Temporary Restraining Order set for 1:30 p.m. on February 15, 2013.

Plaintiffs have now obtained an *ex parte* TRO from this Court without disclosing to this Court that the very matter at issue here is the subject of the previously-filed and currently pending action in Harris County District Court. But that is not all. The Temporary Restraining Order which Plaintiffs requested and obtained *ex parte* in this case includes some of the same restrictions that the Plaintiff here objected to and had the Court remove in the Harris County action. To make matters much worse still, the Temporary Restraining Order in this case restrains Arthur L. Smith and Antonio Estrada, the CEO and the CFO of Digerati who must operate the business on a daily basis. The Temporary Restraining Order prohibits them from, *inter alia*, accessing the company's bank accounts to do things like pay vendors or make payroll (which is already overdue).<sup>6</sup> And, while the Plaintiff Robert Rhodes told this Court that the bond in this case should be "nominal . . . because the relief sought would not cause any financial harm," the very same Robert Rhodes told the Harris County Court addressing the exact same dispute that "[i]f the TRO bond is to stand in any manner, due to the issues at stake and the harm that may be caused, the bond should be increased to at least \$250,000.00."

The Harris County Court clearly has dominant jurisdiction. The suit there was first filed. All of the plaintiffs here are either defendants in the Harris County action, paper entities created and controlled by those Harris County defendants, or a business partner of those Harris County Defendants. While dominant jurisdiction attaches whenever there is even an "inherent interrelationship of the subject matter"<sup>7</sup> in the two cases, here the matter in dispute is exactly the same. The Plaintiff Robert Rhodes has told this Court that Plaintiffs need an injunction to keep

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<sup>6</sup> Declaration of Antonio Estrada, attached hereto as Ex. A.

<sup>7</sup> *Wyatt v. Shaw Plumbing Co.*, 760 S.W.2d 245, 248 (Tex. 1988).

one or more of the Defendants from improperly “control[ling] the company.”<sup>8</sup> The same Robert Rhodes told the Harris County Court that “[t]he heart of this controversy in this matter is who controls Digerati.”<sup>9</sup> Six of the restrained actions in the Temporary Restraining Order Plaintiffs obtained here are verbatim identical to provisions in the original Harris County Temporary Restraining Order against the Plaintiffs.

Moreover, this dispute is subject to a written agreement that exclusive venue for any such dispute would be in Harris County and Defendants challenge Bexar County venue. That venue provision is §9.08 of the merger agreement which is the subject of this suit, and was agreed to by Digerati—the party on whose behalf Plaintiffs purports to derivatively bring this suit—and the shareholders of Waste Deep, who were represented by the Defendants named here. In that provision the parties agreed that “any action between them shall be heard in Harris County, Texas.” Accordingly, this action would be improper even if the parties’ dispute was not already pending in Harris County.

The Temporary Restraining Order in this case has made it impossible for Arthur L. Smith and Antonio Estrada to do their jobs for Digerati. The Temporary Restraining Order should be dissolved and this matter should be abated in favor of the already-pending action in Harris County.

### **Prayer**

For the above and foregoing reasons, Defendants Arthur L. Smith and Antonio Estrada respectfully request:

- 1) That the Temporary Restraining Order be dissolved;
- 2) That an emergency hearing be had on February 14, 2013;

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<sup>8</sup> See, e.g., Petition ¶ 21 and Rhodes Declaration at 2.

<sup>9</sup> Rhodes Motion to Vacate in Harris County at 4-5.

- 3) That this case be abated in favor of the First-Filed Harris County Lawsuit; and for all other relief to which Defendants are entitled in law or equity.

NOTICE OF HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a hearing on Defendants' Motion to Dissolve Temporary Restraining Order and Motion to Abate Proceedings has been scheduled in the above-styled and numbered action at 9:00 a.m. on February 15, 2013, in the Presiding District Court of Bexar County, Texas. Opposing counsel was advised of and requested to make any objection to the designated time and date of hearing, and opposing counsel made no objection.

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Richard E. Price  
Presiding Judge  
285th District Court

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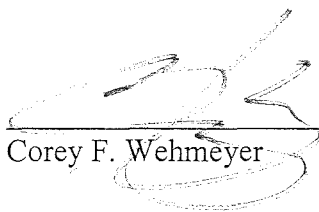
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Please allow this letter to serve as notice that I will be out of the office and taking vacation time during the following dates:

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**April 26, 2013-April 30, 2013**

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July 5, 2013 -July 22, 2013  
August 20, 2013 - August 27, 2013  
September 3, 2013-September 5, 2013  
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October 28, 2013 - October 31, 2013  
November 8, 2013-November 9, 2013  
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December 21, 2013 - January 4, 2014

I ask that you please not schedule any hearings, trials, or any other matters during this time period. I am involved in family law cases and I hereby designate alternate counsel in the event an emergency arises during my period of unavailability:

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Thank you for your kind attention and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions.

Respectfully,

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RHODES Holdings, LLC

Cause No. 203

In the District  
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Investments, LTD, Robert C. Rhodes, Delta S.

Ventures LP, Ronda M.A. Carr &amp; William McIlwain, Plaintiffs

Bexar County, Tx

285th Judicial  
Districtvs -  
David L. Gornham, MCI Partners, LLC, Arthur L. Smith,

Antonio Estrada, Murray W. NYE, John R. Fleming &amp; Bert Terry Dunken, Jr.

Lou Soums,  
Defendants~~Order Denying Plaintiff's Motion for Abatement, Granting Defendant's  
Motion Abating Hearing on Temporary Order, and Granting  
Temporary Restraining Order.~~ ORDER~~On this date, the Court considered Plaintiff's emergency  
Motion <sup>for</sup> Reconsideration of earlier Order entered today,~~After hearing arguments and evidence, It is Ordered,  
Adjudged and Decreed that:Both sides shall not destroy, waste, or remove  
assets to any ~~other entities~~. This Order does not  
preclude ~~the Bexar County Defendants~~ <sup>the Bexar County Defendants</sup> ~~Digital Technologies Inc. and its~~  
~~employees~~ from normal business operations. It is Ordered  
That this ~~provision~~ <sup>order</sup> expires on February 22, 2013. ~~It is~~It is Ordered that the hearing for Temporary Orders set  
on February 25, 2013 in Bexar County ~~is~~ is cancelled.  
~~This Court finds that Digital Technologies Inc. is not~~  
~~part of this Bexar County litigation & is not subject to this order~~Any Further injunction relief in Bexar County by the  
Bexar County Plaintiffs must be upon at least two days notice.It is Ordered that the Bexar County Litigation is not  
Abated in its entirety and is subject to Further orders of  
the Court upon proper notice, 3 day Notice.

Signed on February 15, 2013.

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John H. Strauss  
Judge Strauss

CAUSE NO. 2013-CI-02253

RHODES HOLDINGS, LLC  
RECAP MARKETING & CONSULTING  
LLP, WEM EQUITY CAPITAL  
INVESTMENTS, LTD., ROBERT C.  
RHODES, DELTA S. VENTURES LP,  
HUNTER M.A. CARR & WILLIAM  
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Plaintiffs,

VS.

DAVID L. GORHAM, MCI PARTNERS,  
LLC, ARTHUR L. SMITH, ANTONIO  
ESTRADA, MURRAY R. NYE,  
JOHN R. FLEMING & BERT TERRY  
DUNKEN, JR. AND LOU SOUMAS

Defendants.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT

BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

285<sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT

**ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANTS ARTHUR L. SMITH AND ANTONIO  
ESTRADA'S MOTION TO DISSOLVE TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER  
AND VERIFIED PLEA IN ABATEMENT AND MOTION TO ABATE PROCEEDINGS**

On this date, the Court considered Defendants Arthur L. Smith and Antonio Estrada's Motion to Dissolve Temporary Restraining Order and Verified Plea in Abatement and Motion to Abate Proceedings. After reviewing the documents in the Court's file and the argument of counsel, the Court finds that the Defendants' Motion should be, and is in all things, **GRANTED**.

Accordingly, it is, therefore, **ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED** that the Temporary Restraining Order entered by this Court on February 12, 2013, in the above-entitled action is hereby **DISSOLVED** in its entirety. The hearing scheduled for February 23, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. is cancelled as moot.

*DAZ* It is further, **ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED** that Plaintiffs in the above captioned matter pay Defendants' reasonable and necessary attorney fees in the amount of

on or by the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

It is therefore, further ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that all of Plaintiffs' claims and causes of action against Defendants asserted in this action are hereby abated, that Plaintiffs are required to bring such claims, if at all, through the pending action in Harris County, Texas, Cause No. 2013-06483 in the 281<sup>st</sup> District Court of Harris County, Texas, and that Plaintiffs' claims and causes of action against Defendants in this action shall remain abated pending the outcome of such lawsuit or further order of this Court.

SIGNED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 2013.

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@ 2:30 P.M.  
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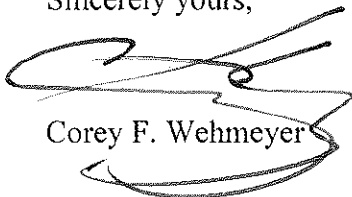
Re: Cause No. 2013-CI-02253; *Rhodes Holdings, LLC, et al vs. David L. Gorham, et al.*; In the 285th Judicial District Court of Bexar County, Texas

Dear Counsel:

We enclose Defendants' Motion to Quash Depositions, which we filed with the court in connection with the above-referenced matter today.

Please call us if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely yours,



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	§	
vs.	§	BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS
	§	
DAVID L. GORHAM, ET AL.	§	285 <sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT

**DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO QUASH NOTICES OF ORAL DEPOSITION**

Defendants Antonio Estrada and Art Smith move the Court to Quash the Notices of Oral Deposition propounded by Plaintiffs, Rhodes Holdings, LLC, et al.

1. On February 14, 2013, Plaintiffs faxed notices of their intent to take oral deposition of Art Smith on February 21, 2013, at 10:00 a.m., and of Antonio Estrada on the same day at 1:00 p.m. On February 20, 2013, at 9:25 a.m., Defendants faxed notice of their intent to take the deposition of Christy Albeck on February 20, 2013, at 10:00 a.m.—i.e. 35 minutes later. Copies of the deposition notices are attached hereto.

2. Defendants object to the date and time designated for the depositions. Plaintiffs made no effort to schedule these depositions by agreement. Plaintiffs apparently served the notices for the sole purpose of causing Defendants the effort of filing this motion to quash.

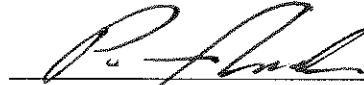
3. Defendants further object because this action is subject to the dominant jurisdiction of Harris County District Court, where a prior-filed lawsuit on the same dispute is underway. Defendants have moved to abate this case on that basis.

4. Because this motion is filed within three business days of when notice was served, this motion objecting to the time and place for the depositions stays the deposition until the motion can be determined by the court. Tex. R. Civ. P. 199.4.

Defendants request that the court quash the notices of their depositions and grant them all other relief to which they may be justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

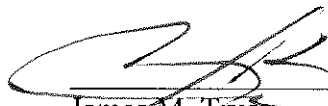
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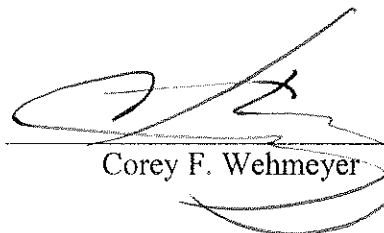
  
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EXHIBIT "A"

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<b>DAVID L. GORHAM</b>	§	
<b>Defendants.</b>	§	<b>285<sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT</b>

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**PLAINTIFFS' NOTICE OF DEPOSITION OF ANTONIO ESTRADA**

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Defendants will take the oral/video deposition of Antonio Estrada on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2013 at the offices of Paul Flack located on 1331 Lamar, Suite 1250, Houston, Tx 77010. This deposition will commence at 1:00 pm and continue from day to day until completed. The oral examination will take place before an authorized court reporter and will be recorded by stenographic and may be taken by video means. All parties are invited to attend and cross-examine.

Respectfully submitted

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**PLAINTIFFS' NOTICE OF DEPOSITION OF ART SMITH**

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Defendants.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT

BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

285<sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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PLAINTIFFS' NOTICE OF DEPOSITION OF CHRISTY ALBECK

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Defendants will take the oral/video deposition of Christy Albeck on the 20th day of February, 2013 at the offices of George W. Gore located on 6200 Bayou, Suite 1150, Houston, Tx 77036. This deposition will commence at 10:00 am and continue from day to day until completed. The oral examination will take place before an authorized court reporter and will be recorded by stenographic and may be taken by video means. All parties are invited to attend and cross-examine.

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Amended Motion To Set On The Non-Jury Docket

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AMENDED MOTION TO SET ON THE NON-JURY DOCKET

Now come Plaintiffs respectfully file this Motion to Set on the Non Jury Docket in support of Plaintiffs' Motion for Temporary Injunction that was filed February 12, 2013.

1. Plaintiffs hereby request that the above-entitled and numbered cause be set for hearing on the Non-Jury Docket for FEBRUARY 27, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.
2. The estimated length of the hearing is one-half day.
3. Plaintiffs prays that the Court grant this Motion to Set on the Non-Jury Docket

Respectfully submitted,

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Notice of Hearing

The above motion is set for hearing on FEBRUARY 27, 2013 at 9:00 A.M. in the Bexar County Courthouse, Civil Presiding Court, Room 109, 100 Dolorosa, San Antonio, Texas.

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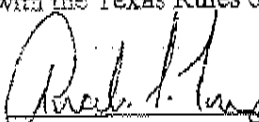
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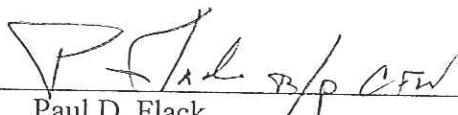
**NOTICE OF HEARING ON DEFENDANTS ARTHUR L. SMITH AND ANTONIO  
ESTRADA'S VERIFIED PLEA IN ABATEMENT  
AND MOTION TO ABATE PROCEEDINGS**

Notice is hereby given that a hearing on Defendants' Verified Plea in Abatement and Motion to Abate Proceedings, together with any amendments or supplements thereto, has been scheduled in the above-styled and numbered action at 9:00 a.m. on February 27, 2013, in the Presiding District Court of Bexar County, Texas.

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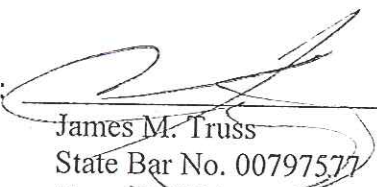
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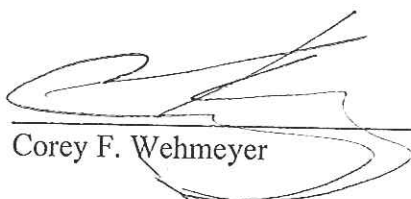
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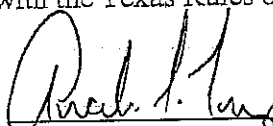
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**VERIFIED MOTION FOR CONTINUANCE AND MOTION TO RESET HEARINGS  
ON PLAINTIFFS' REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY INJUNCTION AND DEFENDANTS'  
VERIFIED PLEA IN ABATEMENT AND MOTION TO ABATE PROCEEDINGS**

Defendants file this Verified Motion for Continuance and Motion to Reset Hearings on (1) Plaintiffs' Request for Temporary Injunction and (2) Defendants' Verified Plea in Abatement and Motion to Abate Proceedings and in support thereof respectfully show the following.

1. Plaintiffs claim that these matters are currently set for hearing on February 27th, 2013 at 9:00 am.
2. On February 22, 2013, counsel for Plaintiffs and counsel for Defendants agreed to pass the hearings set for February 27th, 2013, pending resolution of a related proceeding filed in Harris County, Texas. A copy of the transcript of that agreement is attached as Ex. A.
3. On February 26, 2013, on or after 1:30 pm, counsel for Plaintiffs, Lloyd Kelley, for the first time notified counsel for Defendants that Plaintiffs had changed their mind and were refusing to pass the hearings purportedly scheduled for February 27, 2013 at 9:00 am.

4. From February 22, 2013 until the afternoon of February 26, 2013 Defendants understood that the hearings scheduled for February 27, 2013 had been passed. Less than one day is not adequate notice for the hearings on Plaintiffs' Request for a Temporary Injunction and Defendants' Verified Plea in Abatement and Motion to Abate Proceedings.

5. In addition, witnesses that Defendants may need to call for the hearing on Plaintiffs' Request for a Temporary Injunction, including some who do not even reside in San Antonio, are not available on such short notice.

6. This Court previously ordered on February 15, 2013, that "[a]ny further injunction relief in Bexar County by the Bexar County Plaintiffs must be upon at least two days' notice." Defendants only learned of Plaintiffs' intention to attempt to reinstate their hearing on their temporary injunction less than 24 hours before the time for which Plaintiffs now claim the hearing is set.

6. Defendants respectfully request a continuance, not for the purpose of delay, but in order that justice may be done.

WHEREFORE, Defendants pray that the Court reset this matter for hearing at a future time after adequate notice to all parties.

Respectfully submitted,  
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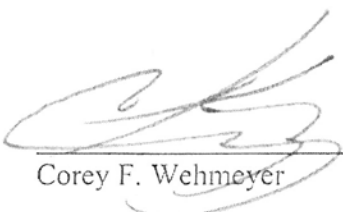
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**VERIFICATION**

STATE OF TEXAS           §  
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COUNTY OF HARRIS       §

My name is Paul Flack. I am over the age of 21 and fully competent to make this declaration. The statements herein are true and correct based on my personal knowledge.

I am counsel for Art Smith and Antonio Estrada in *Rhodes Holdings et al. v. Dave Gorham et al.* and I am also counsel to their employer in a case involving the very same issues currently pending in Harris County, Texas. The statements in the foregoing verified motion for continuance are true and correct.

**Jurat**

My name is Paul D. Flack. My date of birth is April 4, 1964 and my address is 25 Orkney Isle Ct., Sugar Land, TX 77479. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed in Harris County in the State of Texas, on this the 26th day of February, 2013.



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Paul D. Flack

1 THE COURT: Okay. So let's go on the record.  
2 The Court understands that the parties have reached an  
3 agreement regarding the Bear County litigation.

4 MR. LLOYD KELLEY: Yeah, we have some hearings  
5 next week, Judge. Both sides agreed to move those to free up  
6 your calendar so we can do our business here first and then  
7 we'll reset those later.

8 THE COURT: Okay. Is that correct?

9 MR. FLACK: Yes. We agree that it is going to  
10 be at least two weeks after the conclusion of what is here or  
11 some period of time.

12 MR. LLOYD KELLEY: I didn't know we were  
13 agreeing to that, but I can -- sure, why not.

14 THE COURT: All right. And are there other  
15 agreements to put on the record now?

16 MR. LLOYD KELLEY: No, we're still talking.

17 THE COURT: Okay. All right. Why don't y'all  
18 come up and look at the order of referral for mediation that I  
19 prepared.

20 (Counsel approached the Bench)

21 THE COURT: Okay. Monday at 9:15, it says show  
22 up at 9:15 at this Post Oak address. And you will see in the  
23 paragraph there is where I tried to sort of explain the  
24 parameters. Of course you need to talk about the whole case.  
25 But if you still have time left over after you've not resolved

1 the whole case, stipulations of fact and stipulations of law,  
2 and I phrased it like this: The operation of Digerati until  
3 the ultimate issues can be decided on final trial of the  
4 merits.

5 So some sort of cease fire but let the company  
6 do what it needs to do until you all can get to procedurally a  
7 final trial on the merits. Does that make sense?

8 MR. FLACK: Yes.

9 THE COURT: All right. So do y'all want to  
10 keep a copy of that?

11 MR. LLOYD KELLEY: One part of this case is  
12 real narrow, it's just who controls the company. The other  
13 piece -- have you looked at the pleadings? I mean, they're  
14 like --

15 THE COURT: Yeah, I have 20 different causes of  
16 action.

17 MR. LLOYD KELLEY: Yeah, that's what I'm  
18 saying. If that goes forward, that is not something that we  
19 can do in a week.

20 THE COURT: Which is why you all need somebody  
21 to facilitate discussions so that you all can figure out  
22 what -- how to position this so that the ultimate issue can be  
23 decided.

24 MR. LLOYD KELLEY: Right.

25 THE COURT: And, you know, if -- let's go off

1 the record.

2 (Discussion off Record)

3 THE COURT: All right. Good luck next week.

4 Y'all are excused.

5 MR. FLACK: Thank you.

6 MR. LLOYD KELLEY: Thank you.

7 (The hearing adjourned at 3:30 p.m.)

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**ARTHUR L. SMITH AND ANTONIO ESTRADA'S ANSWER SUBJECT TO  
VERIFIED PLEA IN ABATEMENT AND MOTION TO ABATE PROCEEDINGS**

Defendants Arthur L. Smith and Antonio Estrada (collectively "Defendants") file this Answer subject to their Verified Plea in Abatement and Motion to Abate Proceedings.

**GENERAL DENIAL**

Defendants generally deny each and every, all and singular, of Plaintiffs' allegations and demand strict proof thereof.

**CONDITIONS PRECEDENT**

Defendants specifically deny that all conditions precedent have been performed or have occurred. Plaintiffs made no demand on Defendants and provided them no notice of any of the purported claims at issue.

**DEFENSES AND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

As further defenses, should any be necessary, Defendants assert the following defenses and affirmative defenses:

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1. Plaintiffs' claims are barred in whole or in part by Plaintiffs' fraud.
2. Plaintiffs' claims and/or the relief they seek are barred in whole or in part by the doctrine of unclean hands.
3. Plaintiffs' claims are barred in whole or in part by ratification, waiver, estoppel, and laches.
4. Plaintiffs' claims are barred in whole or in part because the statements and/or the acts complained of are subject to an absolute or conditional privilege.
5. Plaintiffs' claims are barred in whole or in part because Plaintiffs' are not capable of being libeled, slandered, or disparaged.
6. Plaintiffs' claims are barred in whole or in part because the statements about which they complain were true.
7. Plaintiffs' claims are barred in whole or in part by privilege, justification, or legal justification.
8. Plaintiffs' claims and/or the relief they seek are barred because Plaintiffs have failed to mitigate any damages they could have suffered.
9. Plaintiffs' claims are barred in whole or in part because Plaintiffs' purported reliance upon any allegedly false statement by Defendants was not reasonable.
10. Plaintiffs' claims are barred in whole or in part by accord and satisfaction.
11. Plaintiffs' claims are barred in whole or in part by illegality.
12. Plaintiffs' claims are barred in whole or in part because Plaintiffs' could not have performed the contract about which they complain.
13. Plaintiffs' claims and/or the recovery they seek are barred in whole or in part because any injury or damages that Plaintiffs suffered were the result of their own actions or omissions or those of third parties.
14. Plaintiffs' claims are barred in whole or in part because they lacked requisite license.
15. Plaintiffs' claims are barred in whole or in part by payment.
16. Plaintiffs' claims are barred in whole or in part by release.
17. Plaintiffs' claims are barred in whole or in part by the statute of frauds.
18. Plaintiffs' claims are barred in whole or in part by justification.

19. Plaintiffs' claims are barred in whole or in part because Plaintiffs cannot assert their claims in the capacity in which they have sued and Plaintiffs cannot recover from Defendants in the capacity in which Defendants have been sued.

**PRAYER**

Defendants pray that all claims against them be dismissed with prejudice and that they be awarded their attorneys' fees, costs of court, and such other relief to which they may be entitled.

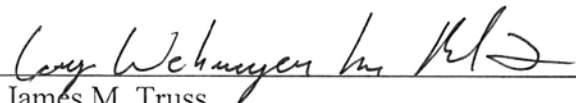
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**REQUEST**

Plaintiffs, respectfully ask the Court allow Plaintiffs to serve Defendant, David Gorham under Rule 106 by alternative service.

**PRAYER**

Plaintiffs, respectfully ask the Court to allow Rhodes Holdings, LLC, et al. to serve David Gorham by (1) mailing citation and Plaintiffs' Original Petition to David Gorham or anyone over 18 years old located at his home address via certified mail at 1778 Morning Glory Lane, Pocatello, Idaho, 83201-1960 or (2) serving citation and Plaintiffs' Original Petition to David Gorham via his company Oleum Capital, LLC, through counsel of record for Oleum Capital, LLC care of Venable LLP, Melissa Gomez, George Kostolampros, or Tom Kelly, at 575 7<sup>th</sup> Street, NW Washington, DC 20004, Fax (202) 344-8300.

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**Defendants.**

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT**

**BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS**

**285<sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

**ORDER AS RULE 106 MOTION FOR SUBSTITUTION OF SERVICE**

After considering Plaintiffs' Rule 106 Motion for Alternative Service and the supporting affidavit and correspondence, the Court finds the Plaintiffs attempts to serve Defendant David Gorham have been unsuccessful and finds that the alternative service requested in this Motion for Substitution of Service shall be **GRANTED**.

THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED that Plaintiffs' Original Petition and Citation shall be served to David Gorham by (1) mailing citation and Plaintiffs' Original Petition to David Gorham or anyone over 18 years old located at his home address via certified mail at 1778 Morning Glory Lane, Pocatello, Idaho, 83201-1960 or (2) serving citation and Plaintiffs' Original Petition to David Gorham via his company Oleum Capital, LLC, through counsel of record for Oleum Capital, LLC care of Venable LLP, Melissa Gomez, George Kostolampros, or Tom Kelly, at 575 7<sup>th</sup> Street, NW Washington, DC 20004, Fax (202) 344-8300.

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**Affidavit in Support of Motion for Substitute Service**

State of Texas

County of Bexar

285th District Court

Case Number: 2013-CI-02253



WAL2013000106

Plaintiff:

Rondes Holdings, L.L.C., Recap Marketing & Consulting L.L.P., Wem  
Equity Capital Investments, Ltd et. al

vs.

Defendant:

David L. Gorham et. al.

For:

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David L. Gorham, 11767 Katy Freeway, Suite 830, Houston, Harris County, TX 77079.

I, Larry White, being duly sworn, depose and say that on the 4th day of March, 2013 at 12:00 pm, I:

**NON-SERVED** the Citation/Plaintiff's Original Petition and Temporary Restraining Order for the reasons  
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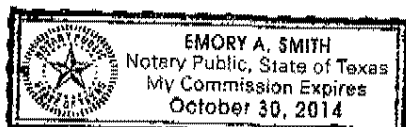
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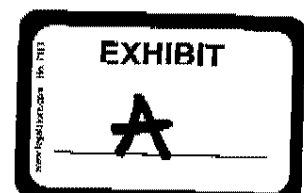
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**Christy Albeck**

**From:** Dave Gorham [dave@mcipartners.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, February 22, 2013 5:18 AM  
**To:** Christy Albeck  
**Subject:** Re: Meeting to drive downtown this morning

Yeah, at maybe a "skunk" or a "rat"!

Yeah, I slept like a baby, a colic baby that is.

Dave Gorham  
dave@mcipartners.com  
(208) 241-0161

On Feb 22, 2013, at 5:09 AM, "Christy Albeck" <christy.albeck@albeck.com> wrote:

> My dogs have been barking off and on all night and kept me awake. They rarely bark at night because it's dark in my room and I have energy efficient windows that block a lot of noise. Probably a raccoon on the deck, but still woke me up and I can't sleep. Going to try to catch an hour now that I have gotten this off my mind.

>

> You can't sleep either?

>

> Christy Albeck

> +1.713.823.7191 US Cell

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> ----- Original Message -----

> From: Dave Gorham [mailto:dave@mcipartners.com]

> Sent: Friday, February 22, 2013 04:59 AM

> To: Christy Albeck

> Cc: art@digerati-inc.com <art@digerati-inc.com>; lsoumas@evergreenrenewable.com  
<lsoumas@evergreenrenewable.com>

> Subject: Re: Meeting to drive downtown this morning

>

> Perfect! Thank you.

>

> Dave Gorham

> dave@mcipartners.com

> (208) 241-0161

>

> On Feb 22, 2013, at 4:57 AM, "Christy Albeck" <christy.albeck@albeck.com> wrote:

>

>> Lou, Art, I suggest that Lou drive to Art's hotel and Dave and I will pick you both up there.

>>

>> Last night when Dave got to his hotel he texted me to say the process server was at the front desk asking for Dave and if he had checked in yet. Dave was able to avoid the man from seeing him/recognizing him, but I think the server may show up there again this morning. So, it's better that we don't all meet there.

>>

>> Art is staying at the Sheraton Four Points at I-10 and the Beltway 8 intersection. Lou, It's the Sheraton we thought you were staying once before but turned out that was not the Sheraton where you were booked. The best way for you to get there is to leave your hotel, stay on feeder going toward I-10. Stay on feeder and go under I-10. Take the first u-turn you



can over the beltway. Stay on Beltway feeder and the hotel is on your right at the interchange of the Beltway feeder and I-10.

>>

>> I'll do a quick drive to pick up Dave at the back door of his hotel so hopefully he can get out without being served.

>>

>> Dave, will pick you up around 7:45 and we'll pick the others up at 8am.

>>

>> See you all in a few hours.

>>

>> Christy Albeck

>> +1.713.823.7191 US Cell

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Plaintiffs sued Smith and Estrada because they reside in Bexar County. However, to the extent that Smith and Estrada assert this case is the same as the cases in Bexar County, then they should not object to venue in Harris County. The alternative is for Plaintiffs to sue these Defendants in Harris County at which time they would assert a motion to transfer the case to Bexar County thereby wasting time and court resources. Specifically, Defendants in this case have made the following arguments in their Motion to Abate filed with the Court on February 14, 2013,

*"The Plaintiffs in this case are the defendants and affiliates of defendants in a Harris County lawsuit over the exact same dispute." (see page 1 para. 2 of Defendants' Motion to Abate)*

Moreover, Defendants' also argued that in the same motion that:

*"The Harris County Court clearly has dominant jurisdiction," and that "All of the plaintiffs here are either defendants in the Harris County action, paper entities created and controlled by those Harris County defendants, or a business partner of those Harris County defendants." (see pg. 6 para. 2)*

The Texas Supreme Court has stated that courts may transfer cases to further convenience and avoid prejudice, and thus promote the ends of justice. Causes involving the same subject matter and identical parties are proper subjects of consolidation *See Alice MO Rank v. Corpus Chrissi Rank cCr. Truss*, 431 S.W.2d 611, 624 Wiv, App.—Corpus Christi 1968).

Rather than abate this case and leave it pending on the Court's docket for years, Plaintiff alternatively request the Court transfer this case to Harris County.

#### PRAYER

For these reasons, Plaintiff asks the Court to transfer and consolidate the case filed in Bexar County, 2013-CI-02253 into cause number 2013-06483 currently pending in the 281<sup>st</sup> and for all other relief that Plaintiff may show himself entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT**

**BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS**

**285<sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

**ORDER AS TO MOTION TO TRANSFER AND CONSOLIDATE**

BE IT REMEMBERED that on this date came on for consideration Plaintiff's Motion to Transfer and Consolidate and the Court, after considering the motion, was of the opinion and finds and concludes that it should be granted; and it therefore is

ORDERED that this Case is hereby transferred to Harris County to be assigned by the administrative judge of Harris County.

SIGNED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2013.

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*Motion to Transfer & Consolidate and Notice of Hearing*

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	§	
VS.	§	
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LLC, ARTHUR L. SMITH, ANTONIO	§	
ESTRADA, MURRAY R. NYE,	§	
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DUNKEN, JR. AND LOU SOUMAS	§	
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**NOTICE OF HEARING ON DEFENDANTS  
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PLEA IN ABATEMENT AND MOTION TO ABATE PROCEEDINGS**

Notice is hereby given that a hearing on Defendants' Verified Plea in Abatement and Motion to Abate Proceedings, together with any amendments or supplements thereto, has been scheduled in the above-styled and numbered action at **8:30 a.m.** on **March 26, 2013**, in the Presiding District Court of Bexar County, Texas. MAR 21 2013

Richard E. Price  
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285th District Court

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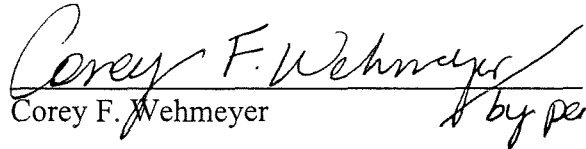
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**Defendants.**

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT**

**BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS**

**285<sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

**PLAINTIFFS' NOTICE OF NONSUIT WITHOUT PREJUDICE**

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

COMES NOW Plaintiffs Rhodes Holdings. LLC, Recap Marketing & Consulting LLP, WEM Equity Capital Investments, Ltd., Robert C. Rhodes, Delta S Ventures LP, Hunter M.A. Carr & William McIlwain and give notice to this Court and all Parties in this lawsuit that they hereby non-suit without prejudice all of their claims and causes of action in the above-referenced case against Defendants John Fleming, Murray Nye, and Antonio Estrada, effective immediately upon the filing of this notice.

Respectfully submitted,

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**NO. 2013-CI-02253**

**RHODES HOLDINGS, LLC  
RECAP MARKETING &  
CONSULTING LLP  
WEM EQUITY CAPITAL  
INVESTMENTS, LTD  
ROBERT C. RHODES,  
DELTA S VENTURES LP,  
HUNTER M.A. CARR &  
WILLIAM MCILWAIN  
Plaintiffs,**

**vs.**

**DAVID L. GORHAM  
MCI PARTNERS, LLC  
ARTHUR L. SMITH  
ANTONIO ESTRADA  
MURRAY R. NYE  
JOHN R. FLEMING &  
BERT TERRY DUNKEN JR  
LOU SOUMAS  
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## ORDER DISMISSING ALL CLAIMS AGAINST

CAME ON TO BE HEARD, *Plaintiffs' Notice of Nonsuit without Prejudice*, and the court. After considering the Notice, is of the opinion that all claims, defenses, and causes of action in this case against Defendants John Fleming, Murray Nye, and Antonio Estrada should be DISMISSED without Prejudice. It is therefore:

ORDERED, that all claims and causes of action brought by Plaintiffs Rhodes Holdings, LLC et al against John Fleming, Murray Nye, and Antonio Estrada are hereby DISMISSED without Prejudice.

SIGNED ON THIS \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

HONORABLE JUDGE PRESIDING

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**Plaintiffs' Notice Of Nonsuit Without Prejudice**

**Order Dismissing All Claims Against**

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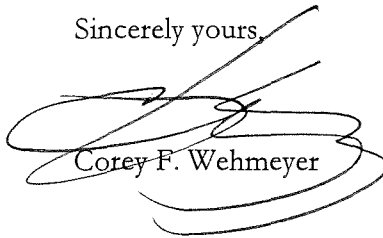
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3. Proposed Order Granting Plea in Abatement.

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**CAUSE NO. 2013-CI-02253**

RHODES HOLDINGS, LLC, ET AL.	§	IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
	§	
vs.	§	BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS
	§	
DAVID L. GORHAM, ET AL.	§	285 <sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT

**DEFENDANT ARTHUR L. SMITH'S BRIEF IN SUPPORT OF  
PLEA IN ABATEMENT AND OPPOSITION TO MOTION TO TRANSFER**

Defendant Arthur L. Smith submits this brief in support of the plea in abatement which he filed February 14, 2013.<sup>1</sup>

**SUMMARY**

All parties to this case agree that their dispute should be heard in the previously filed action pending in the 281<sup>st</sup> District Court in Harris County, Texas. Plaintiffs argue this should be achieved by transferring this case to the Harris County Court. Transfer is not the proper procedure. Because the first-filed Harris County action has dominant jurisdiction, this case must be abated in favor of that action. Indeed, as set out below, in this situation, this Court has no discretion, it can only grant the abatement in favor of the court with dominant jurisdiction. Plaintiffs in this case can assert their claims in that action and, in fact, they (or entities they control) have already done so.

This case is about who has the right to control Digerati Technologies, Inc. ("Digerati") and its assets. Those same issues are the subject of a previously filed case pending in Harris County. Digerati filed suit against two of the Plaintiffs in this case in Harris County on February 4, 2013, and obtained a TRO prohibiting them from pretending to be the management of

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<sup>1</sup> The Plea in Abatement was filed by Arthur L. Smith and Antonio Estrada. Smith alone files this supplemental brief because Estrada was nonsuited on March 22, 2013.

Digerati. After obtaining an abatement of that TRO on technical grounds (lack of certificate of good standing/authority to do business in Texas), two of the Defendants in that case snuck off to Bexar County and filed this suit and obtained a TRO of their own without disclosing to this Court that there was already a case pending in Harris County and without disclosing to the court or the parties in Harris County that they were filing another suit before this Court.

The court in Harris County has now held several hearings, including a three-day temporary injunction hearing, and ruled that the Plaintiffs in this case are enjoined from pretending to be in control of, or capable of speaking for, Digerati. The Harris County court also enjoined any transfer of Digerati's assets, which is the only other injunctive relief the Plaintiffs sought in this action. In short, the Court in Harris County has addressed all of the issues in the case before this Court.

Plaintiffs in this case do not contest that the issues in this case should be decided by the Harris County court. Plaintiffs acknowledge, "There is simply no justification to have this matter pending if as Defendants claim this same matter is to be litigated in Harris County." (Plaintiff's Motion to Transfer and Consolidate at 1). Plaintiffs claim that this should be accomplished by transferring this case to Harris County and consolidating it with the case pending there. Plaintiffs are correct in the ultimate result -- that the Harris County court should decide the issues in this case -- but wrong about the correct method to achieve that result. The Harris County court has dominant jurisdiction. Accordingly, this Court lacks jurisdiction to do anything other than to abate this case. Thus, the proper procedure is for this Court to abate this case and for Plaintiffs to assert their claims in the previously filed Harris County action. And, in fact, the Plaintiffs in this case have already done just that. The individual Plaintiffs in this case (and/or the entities they control or those acting with them) have already asserted the same claims

they attempt to assert here in Harris County. They have asserted those claims against the only Defendant who has appeared in this action (Art Smith) and they have asserted those claims against every defendant they named in this case except for one, Lou Soumas, who Plaintiffs have apparently not even attempted to serve in this action. All of the persons Plaintiffs have attempted to sue in this case are either already parties in Harris County or could be added to that action as easily as they can be sued here.

The Harris County case is pending in the District Court of the 281<sup>st</sup> Judicial District as Cause No. 2013-06483. That court has dominant jurisdiction over the dispute, requiring abatement of this Bexar County action.

### **BACKGROUND**

The pleadings in the Bexar County and Harris County suits establish that they both concern the identical issues and virtually identical parties. Both suits address the role played by the Bexar County Plaintiffs in arranging a November 2012 reverse acquisition between a publicly-traded company, Digerati Technologies, Inc., and the shareholders of Waste Deep, Inc. Waste Deep was an entity created shortly before the transaction, for the purpose of acquiring all of the stock of two North Dakota oilfield service companies, Dishon Disposal and Hurley Enterprises. The Waste Deep shareholders were represented in the transaction by MCI Partners, LLC, a named Defendant here that Plaintiffs and those they control have already sued in Harris County.

Five of the six Plaintiffs in the case before this Court consist of the two individual “consultants” who jointly arranged that merger (Rhodes and Carr) and their wholly-owned entities through which they conducted their “consulting.” The other two Plaintiffs consist of the individual whom Rhodes and Carr placed on Digerati’s board at the closing (McIlwain) and his

“investment vehicle,” WEM Equity Capital Investments, Ltd. Both Rhodes and McIlwain are Defendants and cross-Plaintiffs in the Harris County suit.

The Bexar County Defendants consist of (i) MCI Partners, and three individuals who are pled to have been agents of MCI Partners, and (ii) Digerati’s CEO and sole director, Arthur L. Smith. Digerati is the Plaintiff in Harris County.<sup>2</sup> The majority shareholder of Waste Deep (Oleum Capital, LLC) has intervened as a Plaintiff in Harris County. In Harris County, Rhodes and McIlwain have pled third-party claims against three of the individuals who are also Defendants in their Bexar County suit, alleging the exact same wrongs that they allege in Bexar County.<sup>3</sup>

In both suits, Plaintiffs and Defendants accuse each other of fraud in the Digerati/Waste Deep transaction. In both suits, Plaintiffs and Defendants make competing claims as to who are the true current directors of Digerati. In both suits, Plaintiffs and Defendants make competing requests for injunctions against the others’ actions with respect to Digerati. In short, both suits involve the same issues and parties.

### ARGUMENT

When cases involving the same subject matter are brought in different courts, the court with the first-filed case has dominant jurisdiction, and the other case should be abated. *Wyatt v. Shaw Plumbing Co.*, 760 S.W.2d 245, 248 (Tex.1988); *see also Perry v. Del Rio*, 66 S.W.3d 239, 252 (Tex.2001); *In re Sims*, 88 S.W.3d 297, 303 (Tex. App.—San Antonio 2002, orig. proceeding). This is because “[i]t has long been the policy of the courts and the legislature of

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<sup>2</sup> Plaintiffs in this case had sued two of Digerati’s former directors and its CFO, but Plaintiffs nonsuited those claims on March 22, 2013.

<sup>3</sup> Ex. 1 Defendants’ Answer and Claim for Declaratory Judgment and Application for Temporary Injunction and Permanent Injunction; Ex. 2 Defendants’ Crossclaim Against Intervenor Oleum and Motion to Abate.

this state to avoid a multiplicity of lawsuits. The need for judicial economy has recently become more acute because the dockets of our trial courts are overburdened, and litigants must wait far too long for their cases to be heard.” *Wyatt*, 760 S.W.2d at 246–47.

Dominant jurisdiction is established when there is an inherent interrelation of the subject matter between the two pending lawsuits. *In re ExxonMobil Production Co.*, 340 S.W.3d 852, 856 (Tex. App.—San Antonio 2011, orig. proceeding). It is not required that the precise issues and all of the parties be included in the first suit before the second suit is filed, provided that the claims in the first suit can be amended to bring in all of the necessary and proper parties and the claims. *Id.*

Therefore, in order for Defendants to succeed on their motion to abate, they have only to establish that (1) the Harris County suit commenced first; (2) the Harris County suit is still pending; (3) the Harris County suit could be amended to include all of the parties; and (4) the controversies in the two suits are the same, or the Harris County suit could be amended to include all of the claims. *See id.*; *In re Sims*, 88 S.W.3d at 303. A trial court has no discretion to deny abatement when these circumstances exist. *See In re ExxonMobil Production Co.*, 340 S.W.3d at 859.

All of those circumstances are established here.

*The Harris County suit commenced first*

The Harris County lawsuit was filed February 4, 2013.<sup>4</sup> A Temporary Restraining Order issued that same day.<sup>5</sup> Unhappy with their chances in Harris County, Plaintiffs commenced this Bexar County lawsuit on February 12, 2013. Plaintiffs commenced this suit by obtaining an *ex*

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<sup>4</sup> Ex. B to Defendants Arthur L. Smith and Antonio Estrada’s Motion to Dissolve Temporary Restraining Order and Verified Plea in Abatement and Motion to Abate Proceedings (“Plea in Abatement”).

<sup>5</sup> *Id.*

*parte* restraining order, without telling the Court that they themselves had already been restrained in Harris County.

*The Harris County suit is still pending*

The Harris County suit is not only pending, it has being vigorously litigated over the past month and the Court there has entered a Temporary Injunction.<sup>6</sup>

*The Harris County lawsuit could be amended to include all parties*

The pleadings in the Harris County lawsuit have already been amended to include most of the named parties to this Bexar County suit, or representatives and entities of those named parties. To the extent that a specific person or entity in this suit is not named in the Harris County suit, the Bexar County Plaintiffs seek an injunction in Harris in Harris County against the named Defendants and all “acting in concert with them.” Plaintiffs cannot show any reason that all of the Bexar County parties could not be joined in Harris County.

Specifically, the parties and relationships in each suit are:

<u>Plaintiffs in Bexar Cnty</u>	<u>Named Party in Harris Cnty</u>	<u>Relationship to Harris County Defendants</u>
Robert C. Rhodes	Yes	
Rhodes Holdings LLC		Plaintiff Rhodes’ company; he describes it as “my company Rhodes Holdings LLC.” <sup>7</sup>
Delta S. Ventures LP		The Managing Member of Rhodes Holdings LLC, which is Plaintiff Rhodes’s company. <sup>8</sup>
William McIlwain	Yes	

<sup>6</sup> Ex. 3, Harris County Order Granting Temporary Injunction.

<sup>7</sup> Bexar County Petition, attached Rhodes Affidavit, ¶13.

<sup>8</sup> Ex. B to Plea in Abatement (Ex. 2, signature line on Ex. A to Dunken Declaration attached to Harris County Original Petition).

WEM Equity Capital Investments, Ltd.		McIlwain's company; as he states, "I own stock in Digerati Technologies, Inc. ('Digerati') through WEM Equity Capital Investments, Ltd." <sup>9</sup>
Hunter M.A. Carr		Described by Plaintiff Rhodes as his "business partner" in arranging the merger, and as Rhodes' "joint owner" of the company through which he hoped to "provide post-transaction financing to Digerati owned ..." <sup>10</sup> While not yet named as Defendants in the Harris County suit, Carr and his company (Recap Marketing) are prominently mentioned in the pleadings. <sup>11</sup>
Recap Marketing & Consulting LLP		Plaintiff Carr's company ("Hunter M.A. Carr of Recap Marketing and Consulting, LLP"); party (with Rhodes' company) to the consulting contract at issue in both cases. <sup>12</sup>

<u>Defendants in Bexar Cnty</u>	<u>Named Pty in Harris Cnty</u>	<u>Relationship to Harris County Parties</u>
David L. Gorham	Yes	
MCI Partners, LLC	Yes (named in another action filed by Plaintiffs and those they control in Harris County)	"Gorham stated that his company, MCI Partners, LLC ..."; "I [Rhodes] was engaged by MCI Partners to facilitate [Digerati] going public." <sup>13</sup>
Arthur L. Smith	Yes	
Bert Terry Dunken Jr.	Yes	
Lou Soumas		Rhodes' proposed TRO in Harris County describes him as "acting on [] behalf or under

<sup>9</sup> Bexar County Petition, attached McIlwain Declaration, ¶3.

<sup>10</sup> Ex. B to Plea in Abatement (Ex. 2, Harris County Original Petition, ¶¶21, 36).

<sup>11</sup> Ex. B to Plea in Abatement (Ex. 2, Harris County Original Petition, ¶¶12, 21, 24, 26).

<sup>12</sup> Bexar County Original Petition, ¶20; Ex. B to Plea in Abatement (Exhibit 2, Ex. A to Dunken Declaration attached to Harris County Original Petition).

<sup>13</sup> Bexar County Original Petition, ¶22 and attached Affidavit of Robert C. Rhodes, ¶2.

		the[] authority” of Bexar County Defendants Gorham, Smith and Dunken. Plaintiffs have apparently made no effort to serve Soumas in the Bexar County action.
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*The controversies in the two suits are the same*

The Harris County suit addresses the same disputes pled in Bexar County. In both suits, the disputes are (i) who are the directors and CEO of Digerati? (ii) should the former Waste Deep shareholders/representatives be enjoined from controlling the assets they contributed to the merger?

On the control issue, the Harris County court has already granted the Harris County Plaintiffs an injunction prohibiting the Plaintiffs in this case from claiming to be officers or directors of Digerati.<sup>14</sup>

As to the assets of Digerati’s subsidiary Waste Deep, the Harris County Court has already issued a temporary injunction prohibiting the transfer of those assets.<sup>15</sup>

In other words, the controversies in both suits are exactly the same. The suits involve the same parties, or related parties who could be easily added to the Harris County suit by amendment. Accordingly, the Harris County court has dominant jurisdiction, and this Bexar County suit should be abated.

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<sup>14</sup> Ex. 3, Harris County Order Granting Temporary Injunction.

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INC.,

Plaintiff,

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SONFIELD & SONFIELD, PC.,  
et al.,

Defendants.

(.) IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF

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(.) HARRIS COUNTY, T E X A S

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(.) 281st JUDICIAL DISTRICT

**DEFENDANTS' ANSWER AND CLAIM FOR DECLARATORY JUDGMENT**  
**AND APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY INJUNCTION**  
**AND PERMANENT INJUNCTION**

1. Defendant Robert Rhodes and William McIlwain file this Defendants' Answer and Claim for Declaratory Judgment and Application for Temporary Injunction and Permanent Injunction ("Claim") against Plaintiff, Digerati Technologies, Inc. ("Digerati") and Oleum Capital, LLC ("Oleum").

**ANSWER AND REQUEST FOR JURY**

Defendants Rhodes and McIlwain assert a general denial and demand trial by jury.

**PARTIES**

2. Digerati has appeared in this action.
3. Robert Rhodes and William McIlwain, have appeared in this action.
4. Oleum Capital, LLC has appeared in this action.
5. Third Party Defendant DAVID L. GORHAM may be served with citation at the following address: 1778 Morning Glory Lane, Pocatello, Idaho, 83201-1960 or wherever he may be located.

6. Third Party Defendant BERT TARRANT DUNKEN, JR. may be served with citation at the following address: 2203 Greenhaven Dr., Sugarland, Texas 77479 or at 12603 Southwest Freeway, Suite 170, Stafford, Texas 77477 or wherever he may be located.

7. Gary Haak

### FACTS

8. David L. Gorham ("Gorham"), acting through and in concert with Bert "Terry" Dunken ("Dunken") and Arthur L. Smith ("Smith"), are breaking federal and state securities law by acting as undisclosed control persons for a publicly traded company. Dave Gorham has tried to be an undisclosed control person over a public company but has intentionally remained invisible in SEC filings although he controls the deal. It is unlawful for Gorham to be a control person over a public company and not be disclosed as such. Such action places the company and its officers and directors at risk of sanctions and possible enforcement action by the SEC.

9. Smith and Estrada affirmatively represented that they had moved the debt that the original Digerati owed into Shift 8. Smith affirmatively represented to Carr, Rhodes and William McIlwain ("McIlwain") that the debt had been moved such that Digerati was debt and liability free. This was a lie. In fact, it was later discovered that Digerati had over two million dollars in debts and other liabilities remaining as obligations of the company at and after the closing that could not be spun off.

10. The transaction closed on November 26, 2012, all of a sudden, David Gorham and Dunken stopped returning phone calls and ceased providing information to Carr, McIlwain and Rhodes. Upon

discovery of Smith's deceptive act of not moving the debt into Shift 8 as promised and represented, Carr proposed several strategies to resolve the issue. However, no one would respond.

11. Then, on December 23rd, Gorham and Dunken in concert with Smith and Estrada came up with a plan to oust Carr and Rhodes. Instead of moving forward with the SEC filings necessary to complete the public filing requirements, Smith, Gorham and Dunken, acting in concert, moved to oust the new board of Digerati and to replace them with only Smith. Then, Gorham and Dunken moved to replace all of the officers of Digerati with Smith, himself. Without holding a shareholder meeting, Dunken, Gorham and Smith simply announce Digerati's board members Kelley V. Kirker and McIlwain, were removed. John Howell, the CEO of Digerati after the closing resigned. Then, without holding a board of directors meeting, Art Smith, claiming to be the sole board member, in concert with Dunken and Gorham, simply announced he was now Chairman, President and CEO of the new Digerati. Then, they attempted to blame Carr and Rhodes for Smith's refusal and outright lying about moving the debt of Digerati to Shift 8.

12. John Howell, the new CEO of Digerati, informed Rhodes and Carr and McIlwain that they were moving the assets out of Digerati and thus the deal was dead meaning that Carr, Rhodes and McIlwain would simply lose the entire value of the stock they had received in the transaction.

13. McIlwain was concerned as a Director, Investor and Stockholder that all shareholders would lose all of their investment in Digerati.

14. On December 28, 2012, Smith in concert with Dunken and Gorham purported to fire Digerati's SEC legal counsel, Robert Sonfield. Upon information and belief, Gorham and Dunken are attempting

to find a new company to spin the Dishon and Hurley companies into so that they do not have to pay Rhodes and Carr for their strategy but at the same time keep Dishon and Hurley committed to Gorham's purchase agreement.

15. To keep the transaction on track protect the corporation and shareholders, McIlwain and Kirker called a board meeting. Smith declined to attend. At the board meeting, the board elected Rhodes to replace the previous board member that had resigned. Rhodes was then elected as CEO of Digerati and was told to proceed with the SEC required filings.

16. After Smith, Gorham and Dunken began to attack and slander Rhodes and Carr, it was revealed that Gorham was not the "choir boy" he claimed to be. Gorham was previously convicted of felony grand theft in Florida. Gorham stole approximately \$100,000 from a woman he worked with and after his arrest, Gorham eventually pled guilty to the felony charge. In addition, Gorham had two misdemeanor convictions for theft by check or worthless check.

17. Smith and Estrada and the people acting in concert with them have improperly hired Paul Flack in an attempt to further hide their actions while they continue to denude Digerati.

#### CLAIM FOR DECLARATORY JUDGMENT

18. Defendants incorporate the foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

19. Defendants deny that Digerati Technologies Inc. brought this case against Rhodes or McIlwain.

20. In the alternative, Defendants seek a declaratory judgment as follows:

21. Declare that the acts of Oleum Capital taken on December 23, 2012, are not effective or authorized:

22. Declare that Bill McIlwain and Kelly Kirker were not removed as Board of Directors of Digerati on December 23, 2012.
23. Declare that Rhodes is the proper CEO of Digerati Technologies, Inc.
24. Declare that Rhodes was properly elected CEO of Digerati.
25. Declare that Art Smith ceased being CEO of Digerati on November 26, 2012 and was not thereafter CEO of Digerati.
26. Declare that Mr. Flack was authorized to bring this lawsuit.
27. Declare that Robert Rhodes and Bill McIlwain are properly Board of Directors of Digerati Technologies, Inc.
28. Declare that Waste Deep, Inc was properly merged with and into Digerati and thereafter ceased to exist.
29. Declare that the assets of Digerati including the Hurley Enterprises Inc and Dishon Disposal Inc, remain wholly owned subsidiaries of Digerati.
30. Declare that Digerati must complete the SEC filings including the completion of the filing and mailing to the shareholders of the 14C.
31. Declare that Digerati must obtain audited financials of Digerati and all of its subsidiaries.
32. Declare that Digerati must file with the Secretary of the State of Nevada the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation.

**APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY INJUNCTION ORDER**

33. Plaintiffs pray the Court issue a temporary injunction order enjoining Defendants and all persons and entities acting in concert with them from:

- a) Moving any of the assets of Digerati out of the company or any of its subsidiaries or executing any documents that would move or transfer the assets out of Digerati.
- b) Taking any action or making any statements to the effect that any of them are authorized to move any assets or alter any assets relating to or belonging to Digerati or any of its affiliates or subsidiaries;
- c) Manipulating the price of any securities of Digerati;
- d) Accessing, changing the password on, or making any other changes to any bank or commercial account in the name of or used for the benefit of Digerati or any of its affiliates or subsidiaries, whether those accounts are online or otherwise, or to any online accounts relating to or owned by Digerati Technologies, Inc. or any of its affiliates or subsidiaries;
- e) Filing any documents with any state or federal agency, self-regulatory organization, authority, regulatory body or other entity, including the Securities and Exchange Commission, any securities exchange, any transfer agent, any secretary of state, and any bank, purporting to be on behalf of Digerati or any of its affiliates or subsidiaries;
- f) Assessing, changing the password on, or making any other changes to any website of Digerati Technologies, Inc. or any of its affiliates or subsidiaries including Dishon Disposal, Inc., Hurley Enterprises, Inc., Oleum Capital LLC or MCI Partners, LLC.

g) Taking any other action designed to impair Digerati Technologies, Inc.'s ability to conduct its business.

h) Destroying, altering, secreting, or disposing of any documents or electronic data or medium with any information or communication pertaining to Digerati Technologies, or Dishon Disposal, Inc., Hurley Enterprises, Inc., Oleum Capital LLC or MCI Partners, LLC.

34. It is probable that Plaintiffs will recover from Defendants after a trial on the merits for the reasons set forth above. In particular, Defendants will recover because Defendants have established a right to the Declaratory Relief sought and seek to prevent the denuding of the assets of Digerati.

35. If Defendants application is not granted, harm is imminent. The attempt to scuttle the transaction and move the Plaintiffs' ownership interest in Digerati and its subsidiaries impairs the existence and ability of the company to exist. The harm that will result if the temporary restraining order is not issued is irreparable. As a small, publicly-traded company, it is essential that Digerati display as much credibility, competence, and certainty as it can. The destructive conduct of Plaintiffs' agents in trying to move the assets from Digerati to another entity and the interference with the filing and publication of required SEC filings creates confusion in the marketplace and damages Digerati's credibility and reputation. Plaintiff and its affiliates actions increase uncertainty that will depress Digerati's stock price and make it more difficult for Digerati to access equity capital, borrow money, or obtain commercial credit. Their actions also create unnecessary difficulties in dealing with the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Nevada Secretary of State, and other governmental and regulatory bodies. Plaintiffs

and its affiliates campaign has already damaged Digerati in ways that are severe, difficult to quantify, and likely impossible to ever fully repair.

36. Defendants have no adequate remedy at law because the pretend Plaintiff is continuing to inflict damages on the real Digerati and are attempting to move the essential assets of the company which are not measurable by any certain pecuniary standard, and no amount of money damages—even if the pretend Plaintiff could pay them, the harm they inflict is incapable of exact estimation.

37. Defendants are willing to post bond. Defendants ask that the bond amount be nominal, however, because the relief sought would not cause any financial harm to Plaintiff or Intervenor.

#### **REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY INJUNCTION**

38. Defendants have joined all indispensable parties they are aware of under Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 39.

#### **REQUEST FOR PERMANENT INJUNCTION**

39. Defendants ask the Court to set its request for a permanent injunction for a full trial on the merits and, after the trial, issue a permanent injunction.

#### **JURY DEMAND**

40. Defendants demand a jury trial.

#### **CONDITIONS PRECEDENT**

41. All conditions precedent to Defendants' claims for relief have been performed or have occurred.

#### **REQUEST FOR DISCLOSURE**

42. Under Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 194, Defendants request that Plaintiff and Intervenor disclose within 50 days of the service of this request, or at an earlier time as ordered by the Court, the information or material described in Rule 194.2.

#### PRAYER

For these reasons, Defendants ask that Plaintiff's claims be dismissed and that the pretend Plaintiff take nothing by its claims and Defendants pray Defendants' Answer and Claim for Declaratory Judgment and Application for Temporary Injunction and Permanent Injunction be granted and, on final trial, that Defendants be awarded a judgment against Plaintiff for the following:

- a. Temporary and permanent injunctive relief;
- b. Declaratory judgment of the rights and authority of the parties to speak for and act on behalf of Plaintiff;
- c. Attorneys' fees and expenses;
- d. Costs of court; and
- e. Such other relief as the court may find just.

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DIGERATI TECHNOLOGIES, INC.,	( )	IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
	( )	
	( )	
Plaintiff,	( )	
vs.	( )	HARRIS COUNTY, T E X A S
	( )	
SONFIELD & SONFIELD, PC.,	( )	
et al.,	( )	
	( )	
Defendants.	( )	<u>281st</u> JUDICIAL DISTRICT

**DEFENDANTS' CROSSCLAIM AGAINST INTERVENOR OLEUM AND  
MOTION TO ABATE**

1. Defendants Robert C. Rhodes and William McIlwain file this Cross-claim Against against Intervenor, Oleum Capital, LLC.

**PARTIES**

2. Plaintiff Digerati Technologies, Inc. ("Digerati") has appeared in this action.
3. Defendants, Robert C. Rhodes and William McIlwain, have appeared in this action.
4. Intervenor, Oleum Capital, LLC, ("Oleum") has appeared in this action.

**FACTS**

5. Defendants do not recognize Paul Flack, Reagan Pratt or Pratt & Flack, LLP as counsel for Digerati. Further, Defendants assert they are part of the rightful board and that the lawsuit brought by Digerati should instead mirror the Nevada lawsuit such that the issue between Digerati and Oleum should be decided in Nevada.
6. In the alternative, Defendants assert that Digerati has claim against Oleum for declaratory judgment that the acts of Oleum in dismissing board members Kelley Kirker

and Bill McIlwain on December 23, 2012 was not in compliance with Nevada law and therefore null and void.

7. As such, Defendants assert that Art Smith is not properly the CEO of Digerati. Rather, Defendants assert that Art Smith, acting in concert with Oleum, David Gorham and Terry Dunken, Christy Albeck and Gregg Jaclin entered into a meeting of the minds to unlawfully take over Digerati on December 23, 2012 with the intent of taking the assets of Digerati and moving them to another entity controlled by David Gorham, Terry Dunken, Oleum, Albeck and Jaclin.

8. David L. Gorham ("Gorham"), acting through and in concert with Bert "Terry" Dunken ("Dunken") in Oleum Capital, LLC acting in concert with Arthur L. Smith ("Smith"), Christy Albeck and Gregg Jaclin are breaking federal and state securities law by acting as undisclosed control persons for a publicly traded company.

9. Dave Gorham and Terry Dunken are Oleum Capital, LLC. In violation of Nevada law, David Gorham and Terry Dunken attempted to and purported to oust the board of directors of Digerati and put Art Smith in charge of Digerati with the purpose, design and intent of moving the primary assets of Digerati to another entity controlled by David Gorham, Terry Dunken, Oleum, Albeck and Jaclin.

10. David Gorham is an undisclosed control person over a public company but has intentionally remained invisible in SEC filings although he controls the deal. Such action on the part of Gorham is unlawful; it is unlawful for Gorham to be a control person over a public company and not be disclosed as such. Such action places the company and its officers and directors at risk of sanctions and possible prosecution by the SEC.

11. Intervenor, Oleum, is controlled, managed and/or owned by Gorham and Dunkin.

12. Mark Townsend and Scott Hepford contacted Hunter M. A. Carr ("Carr") of Recap Marketing and Consulting, LLP ("Recap") about buying out Dishon Disposal, Inc. ("Dishon"). Dishon and another company, Hurley Enterprises, Inc. ("Hurley"), companies located in North Dakota were growing rapidly as a result of the Bakken North Dakota oil field development. The representative of Dishon was **David Gorham**. Instead of Dishon being bought out, Gorham decided the Dishon and Hurley companies would be combined and that the two companies would be taken public in a reverse-merger in which the two companies would be acquired by a publicly traded company.

13. Robert C. Rhodes ("Rhodes") was brought in to facilitate taking the companies public and to help them raise capital. In several meetings with Gorham, Gorham made material misrepresentations to Carr and Rhodes about the transaction. First, Gorham stated he had formerly been CFO of the New York Times newspapers and had overseen an \$18 billion company. Gorham represented he had overseen \$64 billion of dollars of funding for green energy projects. However, Gorham stated he did not want his name involved in the transaction with Dishon and Hurley because it involved oil and gas energy and that he didn't wanted to be associated with such "dirty" energy. Gorham stated he had been involved in "green technology" and this would taint his reputation to be associated with traditional oil and gas drilling operations. Later, Plaintiffs discovered the real reason Gorham wanted to hide his involvement. Gorham attempted to take profits out of the transaction and control the company as an undisclosed principal.

14. Gorham stated that his company, MCI Partners, LLC ("MCI") was buying Dishon and Hurley for \$19 million each for a total price of \$38 million. Gorham informed Carr and Rhodes as well as others that Dishon and Hurley did not want to wait to get their

money as would be required under an IPO and they did not want to have their money used as the sole source for buying out their own companies. Thus, the strategy that Gorham wanted to effect the transaction is commonly referred to as a “reverse merger.” Carr, as a part of his consulting, put together MCI, with Digerati Technologies, Inc., (“Digerati”) a Nevada Corporation with its headquarters in San Antonio, Texas.

15. As per Digerati’s latest filed 10Q, Digerati, by its own admission as of October 31, 2012, reported “substantial doubt about Digerati’s ability to continue as a going concern.” *See* Digerati’s October 31, 2012, 10Q on file with the SEC. Digerati reported that it had net losses of \$77 million with a working capital deficit of \$2 million. Digerati’s CEO was Arthur L. Smith and its CFO was Antonio Estrada (“Estrada”), both of whom live in San Antonio, Texas. Digerati’s management reported that as of October 31, 2012, “management believes that current resources available will not be sufficient to fund the Company’s operations over the next 12 months.” *See* Digerati’s October 31, 2012 10Q on file with the SEC. As reported by Smith, just prior to the merger the original Digerati, as a publicly traded company, had a market value of less than \$300,000.

16. Rhodes had been contractually engaged by MCI to find a public entity vehicle for the transaction in which to move MCI’s clients, Dishon and Hurley. Digerati had a prior consulting relationship with Carr. Rhodes and Carr offered to recommend Digerati as the right candidate for the Dishon and Hurley transaction if Smith would commit to certain actions. Carr and Rhodes explained to Smith that a merger of Digerati with Dishon and Hurley might help his company survive.

17. According to Smith, Digerati had been established in 1994. But according to Digerati’s public filings, it had seen better days and was now on the verge of not being

able to meet its ongoing obligations. However, because Digerati's stock has been registered and publicly traded since 1994, as represented by Smith, Digerati was one of several candidates that would meet the requirements of Gorham's "reverse merger" for the Dishon and Hurley buy out by MCI Partners.

18. As part of the proposed deal that Rhodes and Carr designed and provided the strategy for the overall deal structure, Digerati would buy out Dishon and Hurley with stock and a note. Dishon and Hurley would get a note for \$38 million or \$19 million each. The original Digerati under Smith would be moved into a subsidiary called Shift 8 Technologies, Inc. ("Shift 8") in which Smith would be Chairman and CEO. Art Smith would relinquish all officer positions in the parent company, Digerati and for a time would remain as a Board of Digerati. The plan was that over time Shift 8 would eventually be spun off from Digerati where it would be independent. New board of director members were to be placed on the newly constituted Board of Digerati as well as all new officers. Most importantly, Smith committed to moving all of the current debt of Digerati to Shift 8 so that the resulting Digerati would be debt free. As a result of the transaction, Smith's company got a loan of \$170,000 which was paid by Rhodes Holdings, LLC. Shift 8 also received 5% of the shares of the newly formed Digerati. This transaction as structured would result in virtually saving Smith's operations from insolvency and provide the medium for Dishon and Hurley to be taken public along the guidelines proscribed by Gorham.

19. Transactions documents were executed and Digerati hired SEC counsel to consummate the deal. Gorham and Dunken, an attorney engaged by Gorham, insisted that the transaction had to close in calendar year 2012 because they were putting all of the

Dishon and Hurley capital gains into tax shelters to avoid paying what they described as the Obama tax increases that they claimed were coming in 2013. As described by Terry Dunken, the Dunken tax shelter scheme that he was designing was based upon giving all of the capital gains to a charity and then buying a life insurance policy for the charity's executive and then keeping control over the money and making the profits off the money, until the charity's executive dies. Dunken claimed this tax shelter was legal but he said the transaction had to close before the end of the year because there a possibility Obama might end this "golden goose." After long hours and great effort, Carr and Rhodes as well as the other members of the deal team were able to get the transaction to close on November 26, 2012.

20. On November 26, 2012, as planned, Digerati merged with a company called Waste Deep, Inc. Gorham and Dunken represented that Waste Deep owned 100% of the capital stock of Dishon and Hurley. Gorham and Dunken represented that he principal shareholder of Waste Deep was Oleum Capital, LLC. The merger transaction was arranged for the purpose of moving Waste Deep into a publicly-traded company so that Waste Deep on behalf of Dishon and Hurley and any newly created operating subsidiaries would have access to public market capital through American Equity Fund, LLC.

21. It was always represented that the transaction was structured for a purchase price of \$38 million in debt plus shares in the public entity. However, after the closing Carr and Rhodes discovered that Gorham and Dunken had changed the purchase price to \$60 million in debt plus the same number of shares in the public entity. This meant the entire deal structure had been altered. When Carr and Rhodes tried to discuss this issue, they were met with silence and no one was willing to explain why the price changed or who

was getting the additional \$22 million. Carr and Rhodes became suspicious that Gorham had put his own interest ahead of the Dishon and Hurley companies and that Gorham himself was attempting to take the additional \$22 million for himself or his trust. The 60% increase in the price of the deal now made the deal more difficult to price in the market and substantially more difficult to find the capital that the new venture needed to meet the capital expectations of the Dishon and Hurley companies.

22. Then, in a curious turn of events, upon the closing of the transaction, Smith and Estrada affirmatively represented that they had moved the debt that the original Digerati owed into Shift 8. Smith affirmatively represented to Carr, Rhodes and William McIlwain ("McIlwain") that the debt had been moved such that Digerati was debt and liability free. This was a lie. In fact, it was later discovered that Digerati had over one million dollars in debts and other liabilities remaining as obligations of the company at and after the closing.

23. After the transaction closed on November 26, 2012, all of a sudden, David Gorham and Dunken stopped returning phone calls and ceased providing information to Carr, McIlwain and Rhodes. Upon discovery of Smith's deceptive act of not moving the debt into Shift 8 as promised and represented, Carr proposed several strategies to resolve the issue. However, no one would respond.

24. Then, on December 23rd, Gorham and Dunken in concert with Smith, Estrada Oleum, Albeck and Jaclin entered into a scheme with a common purpose to oust the shareholders of Digerati including Carr and Rhodes. Instead of moving forward with the SEC filings necessary to complete the public filing requirements, David Gorham, Terry Dunken, Oleum, Albeck and Jaclin along with Smith, Gorham and Dunken, acting in

concert, moved to oust the new board of Digerati and to replace them with only Smith. Then, Gorham and Dunken moved to replace all of the officers of Digerati with Smith so that the conspirators could execute their unlawful strategy of moving the assets out of Digerati and to a company controlled by David Gorham, Terry Dunken, Oleum, Albeck and Jaclin.

25. Without holding a shareholder's meeting or conducting a proper vote of the shareholders, Dunken, Gorham, Oleum and Smith simply announce Digerati's board members Kelley V. Kirker and McIlwain were summarily removed. John Howell, the CEO of Digerati after the closing on November 26, 2012, was fired or forced to resign. Then, without holding a board of directors meeting, Art Smith, claiming to be the sole board member, acting in concert with Dunken and Gorham, simply announced he was now Chairman, President and CEO of the new Digerati. Then, they attempted to blame Carr and Rhodes for Smith's refusal and outright lying about moving the debt of Digerati to Shift 8.

26. The stock price has been driven down by one significant event, the December 23, 2012, meeting where Oleum alleges it fired the proper board of directors. The next day, the stock price fell from \$0.77 to \$0.28 per share – and has been trading at \$0.26 per share.

27. John Howell, the CEO of Digerati at the time, informed Rhodes, Carr and McIlwain that they were moving the assets out of Digerati and thus the deal was dead meaning that Carr, Rhodes and McIlwain would simply lose the entire value of the stock they had received in the transaction.

28. McIlwain was concerned as a Director, Investor and Stockholder that all shareholders would lose all of their investment in Digerati.

29. On December 28, 2012, Smith in concert with Dunken and Gorham purported to unlawfully fire Digerati's SEC legal counsel, Robert Sonfield.

30. Upon information and belief, David Gorham, Terry Dunken, Oleum, Albeck and Jaclin are attempting to find a new company to spin the Dishon and Hurley companies into so that they do not have to pay Rhodes and Carr for their strategy but at the same time keep Dishon and Hurley committed to Gorham's purchase agreement with the inflated purchase price.

31. To keep the transaction on track and protect the corporation and shareholders, McIlwain and Kirker called a board meeting. Smith declined to attend. At the board meeting, the board elected Rhodes to replace the previous board member that had resigned. Rhodes was then elected as CEO of Digerati and was told to proceed with the SEC required filings.

32. Then, David Gorham, Terry Dunken, Oleum, Albeck and Jaclin, acting individually and through Oleum began making false and defamatory statements about Rhodes and Carr. Smith, Gorham and Dunken began accusing Carr and Rhodes of theft and other acts of dishonesty.

33. After Smith, Gorham and Dunken began to attack and slander Rhodes and Carr, it was revealed that Gorham and Dunken were not the "choir boys" they claimed to be. Gorham was previously convicted of felony grand theft in Florida. Gorham stole approximately \$100,000 from a woman he worked with and after his arrest, Gorham

eventually pled guilty to the felony charge. In addition, Gorham had two misdemeanor convictions for theft by check or worthless check.

## **CAUSES OF ACTION**

### **Declaratory Judgment**

34. Defendants incorporate the foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.
35. Defendants seek a declaratory judgment that Oleum's actions on December 23, 2012, in purporting to oust the board members of Digerati were unlawful under Nevada law and therefore null and void.
36. Defendants seek a declaratory judgment against Oleum, Digerati and Smith that the board of directors of Digerati as of December 22, 2012, was Bill McIlwain, Kelly Kirker, John Howell and Art Smith.
37. Defendants seek a declaratory judgment that the acts of Oleum on December 23, 2012, did not alter the board of directors of the company such that on December 23, 2012, until January 16, 2013, the directors remained Bill McIlwain, Kelly Kirker, John Howell and Art Smith.
38. Defendants seek a declaration from this Court that the board of directors as of the filing of this petition is Robert Rhodes, Bill McIlwain and Art Smith.
39. Defendants seek a declaration from this Court that the only board of directors authorized to act on behalf of Digerati constitutes Robert Rhodes, Bill McIlwain and Art Smith.
40. Defendants seek a declaration from this Court that Art Smith since November 26, 2012 is not and was not authorized to act alone as the sole board member of Digerati.

41. Defendants seek a declaratory judgment that until the board of directors met in January 2013, the CEO of Digerati from November 26, 2012 forward was not Art Smith.

42. Defendants seek a declaratory judgment that Paul Flack, Regan Pratt and the law firm of Pratt and Flack, LLP were never authorized to represent Digerati.

43. Defendants seek a declaration from this Court that all acts of Oleum purporting to remove board members on December 23, 2012 is void.

44. Defendants seek a declaration from this Court that the appointment of Art Smith as CEO in December 2012 is void.

45. Defendants seek a declaration from this Court that the acts of Art Smith as the sole board member and as CEO from December 23, 2012 are void.

#### **Fraud**

46. Defendants incorporate the foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

47. As set out above, Oleum has committed fraud. Its agents have made misrepresentations, including but not limited to, that the purchase price/transaction size was going to be \$38 million. That Gorham was the New York Times CFO and had completed billions of projects and was familiar with the process of taking a company public. That audits would be completed and proper paperwork would be filed with the SEC. That Defendants were to be provided common stock after the transactions closed. That Defendants were to be provided warrants for common stock after the closing. That the market cap would be over \$300 million resulting in at least \$5.00 common share price. Defendants relied upon these representations and arranged a viable merger. Those representations were false. Oleum's agents had no intention of honoring their promises. The misrepresentations by Oleum's agents were material. Oleum knew the

representations were false or, at the very least, made the misrepresentations as positive assertions without knowledge of their truth. Oleum's agents made the misrepresentations with the intention that Defendants rely on them and Defendants reasonably relied on the representations to its detriment. The misrepresentations proximately caused injury and damages to Defendants.

#### **Fraudulent Inducement**

48. Plaintiffs incorporate the foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

49. As set out above, Oleums agents made numerous fraudulent misrepresentations, including those set forth in the preceding cause of action, and false promises of performance with no actual intent to perform. Defendants entered into one or more contracts in reliance upon those misrepresentations and Defendants suffered injury and damages as a result. Accordingly, Oleum has committed fraud in the inducement.

#### **Cause of Action - Statutory Fraud**

50. Plaintiffs incorporate the foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

51. The transaction at the heart of this case involved stock. As set out above, Oleum and its agents made numerous false representations of fact and false promises during the transaction. Oleum benefited by not disclosing that others' representations and promises were false. Oleum did so to induce Defendants to enter into contracts and perform services that Defendants reasonably relied on the misrepresentations in entering into contracts. Defendants suffered injury and damages as a result of Oleum's statutory fraud.

#### **Breach of Fiduciary Duty**

52. Plaintiffs incorporate the foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

53. Oleum and its representatives have asserted a position as a majority shareholder for Digerati. As a majority shareholder, it has certain obligations to other shareholders. Specifically, Oleum owes the minority shareholders a fiduciary duty. Oleum owes duties of loyalty and utmost good faith, candor, full disclosure, to refrain from self dealing, fair and honest dealing, and the duty to act with integrity of the strictest kind. As set out above, Oleum has brazenly and repeatedly breached each of those duties. Oleum's breach of those duties has injured Defendants and other shareholders. Upon information and belief, Gorham and Dunken acted in concert with Oleum to breach the fiduciary duties owed to the other shareholders.

#### **Libel/Slander**

54. Plaintiffs incorporate the foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

55. Oleum has slandered Rhodes and McIlwain. Oleum and its agents have made false statements, including that Robert Rhodes had stolen property belonging to Digerati and that he was not properly elected Chief Executive Officer and director and that William McIlwain was not elected Chairman of the Board of Directors and Corporate Secretary. Oleum accused Carr of stealing as well. Oleum's statements were defamatory, and they were false. Oleum and its agents were acting with malice (or at the very least extreme negligence). The statements proximately caused Defendants to suffer injury and damages.

#### **Business Disparagement**

56. Plaintiffs incorporate the foregoing paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

57. As set out above, Oleum and its agents made disparaging statements. At least some of those statements related to Defendant's economic interests. The statements were

false and Oleum published them with malice and without any privilege to do so. The statements caused Defendants to suffer special damages. Accordingly, Oleum is liable for business disparagement.

#### **JURY DEMAND**

39. Defendants demand a jury trial.

#### **CONDITIONS PRECEDENT**

40. All conditions precedent to Defendants' claim for relief have been performed or have occurred.

#### **REQUEST FOR DISCLOSURE**

41. Under Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 194, Defendants request that Oleum disclose within 30 days of the service of this request, or at an earlier time as ordered by the Court, the information or material described in Rule 194.2.

#### **PRAYER**

For these reasons, Defendants file this Defendants' Cross-claim Against Oleum, against Intervenor, Oleum Capital, LLC, and that upon final trial, Defendants be awarded a judgment against Oleum for the following:

- a. Damages;
- b. Exemplary and punitive damages;
- c. Prejudgment interest;
- d. Post-judgment interest;
- e. Attorneys' fees and expenses;
- f. Costs of court; and
- g. Such other relief as the court may find just.

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WILLIAM E. McILWAIN	§	
Defendants.	§	281 <sup>ST</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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**TEMPORARY INJUNCTION**

Before the Court are the cross applications for temporary injunction filed by 1) Plaintiff Digerati Technologies, Inc. ("Digerati") and Intervening Plaintiff Oleum Capital, LLC ("Oleum") against Sonfield & Sonfield, PC, Robert L. Sonfield, Jr., Robert Rhodes, and William E. McIlwain and 2) Defendants Robert Rhodes and William McIlwain ("Defendants") against Digerati and Oleum. The Court heard testimony on the cross applications on February 28, March 1, and March 4, 2013.

After considering the testimony, evidence introduced at the hearing, the pleadings, affidavits, declarations, and arguments of counsel, the Court finds there is evidence that harm is imminent to Digerati and, if the Court does not restrain the Defendants and Oleum, Plaintiffs will be irreparably injured before a full hearing can be held.

Such irreparable injury will occur because it appears that assets of Digerati have been transferred or are under imminent threat to be transferred or assigned. Additionally, Defendants have claimed to be officers, directors, and counsel to Digerati, have filed government records in Digerati's name, have told Digerati's employees and counsel that they are terminated, and have issued directions to employees and counsel of Digerati in Digerati's name. Their course of conduct shows their intent to continue such activity. Moreover, the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") has questions regarding the corporate status of Digerati and is requesting information on an expedited basis.

The harm that will result if the injunction order is not issued is irreparable. Defendants' conduct creates confusion in the marketplace and damages Digerati's credibility and reputation. Defendants' actions make it more difficult for Digerati to enforce and negotiate its contracts, access equity capital, borrow money, or obtain commercial credit. Digerati's actions also create unnecessary difficulties in dealing with the SEC, the Nevada Secretary of State, and other governmental and regulatory bodies.

In particular, Defendants actions interfere with Digerati's ability to negotiate with major secured creditors who may foreclose on Digerati's major assets if Digerati is unable to take effective action to protect its interests.

Digerati has no adequate remedy at law because the Defendants are continuing to inflict damages on Digerati which are not measurable by any certain pecuniary standard, and no amount of money damages could undo the harm the Defendants are inflicting. Digerati does not object to injunctive relief as to Oleum.

Therefore, the Court ORDERS that Defendants Sonfield & Sonfield, P.C., Robert L. Sonfield, Jr., Robert Rhodes, and William E. McIlwain, and all persons acting in concert with them, are restrained and hereby enjoined from:

- a) Filing any documents with any state or federal agency, self-regulatory organization, authority, regulatory body or other entity, including the Securities and Exchange Commission, any securities exchange, any transfer agent, any secretary of state, and any bank, purporting to be on behalf of Digerati Technologies, Inc. or any of its affiliates or subsidiaries.
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- f) Taking any action or making any statements to the effect that any of them are authorized to act or speak for Digerati Technologies, Inc. or any of its affiliates or subsidiaries, including filing or prosecuting lawsuits in the name of Digerati Technologies.
- g) Accessing, changing the password on, or making any other changes to any bank or commercial account in the name of or used for the benefit of Digerati Technologies, Inc. or any of its affiliates or subsidiaries., whether those accounts

are online or otherwise, or to any online accounts relating to or owned by Digerati Technologies, Inc. or any of its affiliates or subsidiaries.

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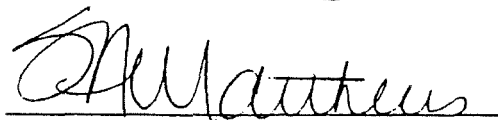
Therefore, the Court ORDERS that Oleum and Digerati Technologies, Inc. (but not Shift8 Technologies, Inc.) and all persons acting in concert with them, are restrained and hereby enjoined from:

1. Transferring, conveying, assigning, destroying, or selling any assets conveyed for the benefit of Digerati Technologies, Inc. in the November 26, 2012 transaction, without prior approval of the Court, except to the extent necessary for operating in the ordinary course of business.
2. Destroying, altering, secreting, or disposing of any documents or electronic data or medium with any information or communication pertaining to Digerati Technologies, Inc.

Bond is set at \$10,500, to which prior bonds posted by Digerati may be applied. The additional bond of \$500.00 shall be paid by Defendants.

Trial on the merits of this action is set for August 5, 2013.

SIGNED on March 4, 2013, at 4:19 ~~a.m.~~ (p.m.)



Sylvia A. Matthews  
PRESIDING JUDGE

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**ORDER TRANSFERRING CASE**

On this date, the Court considered Plaintiffs' Motion to Transfer and Consolidate and the Court, after considering the motion, finds that it should be and hereby is GRANTED.

Accordingly, this case is hereby transferred to the 281<sup>st</sup> District Court of Harris County, Texas to be consolidated with *Digerati Technologies, Inc. v. Sonfield & Sonfield et al.*, Cause No. 2013-06483.

Signed this \_\_\_\_ day of March 2013.

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JUDGE PRESIDING

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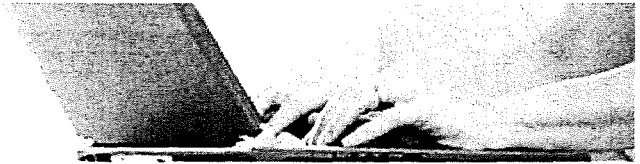
**ORDER GRANTING PLEA IN ABATEMENT**

On this date, the Court considered Defendant Arthur L. Smith's Verified Plea in Abatement and Motion to Abate Proceedings. After reviewing the documents in the Court's file and the arguments of counsel, the Court finds that the Plea in Abatement should be GRANTED.

Accordingly, it is, therefore, ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that all of Plaintiffs' claims and causes of action in this action are abated, that Plaintiffs are required to bring such claims, if at all, through the pending action in Harris County, Texas, Cause No. 2013-06483 in the 281st District Court of Harris County, Texas, and that Plaintiffs' claims and causes of action against Defendants in this action shall remain abated pending the outcome of such lawsuit or further order of this Court.

Signed this \_\_\_\_ day of March 2013.

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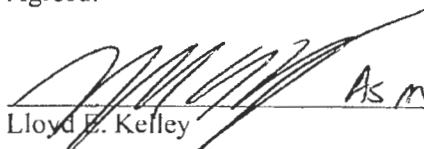
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MOTION FOR NONSUIT

MOTION FOR SUBSTITUTED SERVICE

PLEA IN ABATEMENT

On the 26th day of March, 2013, the following proceedings came on to be held in the above-titled and numbered cause before the HONORABLE PETER SAKAI, Judge Presiding, held in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas.

Proceedings reported by computerized stenotype machine.

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MARCH 26, 2013

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THE COURT: This is 2013-CI-02253, styled Rhodes Holdings, L.L.C., et al versus David L. Gorham, et al. Let me have the attorneys to please announce for the record. Tell me who you are and who you represent.

MR. KELLEY: I'm Lloyd Kelley, Your Honor, for the plaintiff.

MS. SANCHEZ: Your Honor, Larissa Sanchez with Cox-Smith. We are local counsel for Mr. Smith, and Mr. Flack, Paul Flack, is a Houston counsel, and he is here this morning.

THE COURT: All right. Mr. Kelley, this is your announcement of a nonsuit?

MR. KELLEY: Of Mr. Smith, without prejudice. We have given -- we filed it with the clerk. We have it on record. We filed it yesterday. We told them we were going to come here and do this today, and I thought we were going to do some other things, but since that's not going to work out, Judge, what we are going to do is just go ahead and nonsuit Mr. Smith without prejudice. He is in a Houston case. They are here complaining about it, so

1 he will no longer be in this case. That should take  
2 out anybody that had a connection to the  
3 San Antonio --

4 COURT REPORTER: To the San Antonio  
5 what?

6 MR. KELLEY: It is not relevant.

7 MR. FLACK: Can I, Your Honor?

8 THE COURT: Let me get a response on  
9 the nonsuit against Mr. Smith only.

10 MR. FLACK: We have a plea in abatement  
11 on file in favor of the previously filed action  
12 already pending in Harris County where there has been  
13 a three-day temporary injunction hearing and numerous  
14 other hearings.

15 THE COURT: What is pending in Harris  
16 County?

17 MR. FLACK: Plea -- well, the entire  
18 case. They -- we filed a suit against them in Harris  
19 County. They then came here and filed this suit and  
20 obtained a TRO without any disclosure to us that they  
21 were filing this suit, without any disclosure to the  
22 Judge here that there was a suit already pending in  
23 Harris County. We said this case should be abated in  
24 favor of the Harris County action.

25 They said, Well, we would rather

1 transfer this case to Harris County. We said, That's  
2 fine as long as it is transferred to the 281st where  
3 the other case is pending. They now say they don't  
4 want to agree that it goes to the 281st, and so here  
5 we are.

6 THE COURT: So, what is the objection  
7 on the nonsuit to Smith? You're saying it is  
8 improper?

9 MR. FLACK: I don't think -- I don't  
10 know that the Court has jurisdiction to accept it  
11 because there is a court with superior jurisdiction  
12 in Harris County.

13 THE COURT: So, what is the status of  
14 this lawsuit in total then? You're telling me this  
15 is a fiction or what?

16 MR. FLACK: I'm telling you I think the  
17 right court has to have jurisdiction to accept the  
18 nonsuit, and that court is Harris County.

19 THE COURT: So, why is Bexar County not  
20 the, quote unquote, right court?

21 MR. FLACK: Because we have a plea in  
22 abatement, and the court first filed action in Harris  
23 County has superior jurisdiction.

24 THE COURT: I am not questioning that  
25 at all, but you see this suit as identical, as alter

1 ego of the lawsuit in Harris?

2 MR. FLACK: Yes, essentially the same  
3 entities in both cases.

4 MR. KELLEY: It is not the same  
5 entities, Judge. It is different entities, different  
6 defendants, different plaintiffs. Some of them are  
7 the same. Some of them are different, different  
8 actions.

9 It doesn't matter. He has never had  
10 his plea in abatement heard. It has never been  
11 granted. A nonsuit is a ministerial act. It is  
12 effective upon filing when I filed it this morning.  
13 It became effective. It a ministerial act for you to  
14 sign the notice of nonsuit.

15 I don't know -- he has only had one  
16 client, Art Smith. Why Art Smith would be opposing  
17 it is simply because -- he is not here really doing  
18 Art Smith anything. We have service on two of the  
19 people in this case, one guy named Terry Dunken, and  
20 Mr. Flack used to represent Terry. Terry hasn't  
21 answered. The other guy has been avoiding service,  
22 and I will show you that evidence.

23 THE COURT: Are there any pleadings in  
24 this Bexar County lawsuit, 2000-CI-02253, at this  
25 time other than your announcement of a nonsuit?

1 MR. KELLEY: Yes, Judge. There are  
2 other defendants, and that's why I want substituted  
3 service, so there is other defendants other than  
4 Mr. Smith who have not -- who have been --

5 THE COURT: As far as counterpleadings  
6 or pleadings --

7 MR. KELLEY: Oh, no.

8 THE COURT: -- by Mr. Smith?

9 MR. KELLEY: No, Mr. Smith has not  
10 filed anything counter.

11 THE COURT: As we know, even -- even  
12 with the argument, counterpleadings --

13 MR. KELLEY: He has filed no  
14 counterpleading.

15 THE COURT: -- still survive.

16 MR. KELLEY: He has filed no  
17 counterclaim. He is not standing here on his own on  
18 any claim. He will be dismissed and he will be out  
19 of the lawsuit completely when you sign that order.

20 THE COURT: All right.

21 MR. FLACK: We have filed an answer and  
22 we have filed a plea in abatement, which is set for  
23 today.

24 THE COURT: In Bexar County?

25 MR. FLACK: Yes, in this Court, this

1 hearing.

2 THE COURT: And that's -- you're asking  
3 for a ruling on your plea in abatement?

4 MR. FLACK: Yes.

5 MR. KELLEY: But this nonsuit will  
6 trump it because he will be out of the case and he  
7 can't move forward because he has no counterclaim.  
8 And he couldn't ask for an abatement if he asked for  
9 counterclaims. I mean, I know why he is doing it,  
10 Judge.

11 THE COURT: Well, I understand that,  
12 but I'm just trying to get the process.

13 MR. KELLEY: Yeah.

14 THE COURT: The plea in abatement was  
15 filed after your motion for nonsuit or announcement  
16 of nonsuit?

17 MR. KELLEY: No, he has filed his plea  
18 in abatement for weeks. We have been down here twice  
19 on it. It has been reset repeatedly. He has never  
20 had it heard. It has never been granted, and it only  
21 goes to Art Smith.

22 Art Smith filed a plea in abatement.  
23 When Art Smith was dismissed from this case, he has  
24 no standing to come and ask you for anything in this  
25 case, and so that's why I'm asking you to sign the

1 order of nonsuit granting it, which takes him out of  
2 the case. Then I will ask you for substituted  
3 service on Mr. Gorham for dodging service, and then I  
4 will be done today.

5 And so he can't have a motion heard for  
6 which he has no standing. His client being gone, he  
7 will have no standing to bring anything. He is not  
8 representing anybody else.

9 MR. FLACK: Your Honor, if I may.

10 THE COURT: Yes.

11 MR. FLACK: This is a Rule 11 agreement  
12 already signed yesterday. The agreement was that the  
13 case would get sent to Harris County to the 281st  
14 Court, as you can see right there on the page. The  
15 agreement was once that was done, Mr. Smith would be  
16 nonsuited. And what I don't want is to have to come  
17 up here again when he refiles and go through this  
18 whole dance all over again to get the case sent back  
19 to Harris County after he has already agreed in the  
20 Rule 11 to send it to Harris County and to the 281st  
21 Court.

22 MR. KELLEY: Your Honor, I will send it  
23 to the 281st after I get my motion for substituted  
24 service, not to the 281st.

25 THE COURT: So, you agree to that

1 stipulation?

2 MR. KELLEY: No, I agree to send it to  
3 Harris County, but Harris County does not recognize  
4 your decision to put it in a particular court since  
5 there are four cases in Harris County.

6 THE COURT: That's all ministerial in  
7 Harris.

8 MR. KELLEY: Right. The administrative  
9 judge would do it. So, I have an order prepared for  
10 the Judge to sign that would say, Send it to Harris  
11 County. Let the administrative judge assign it.

12 He wants to pick a particular court  
13 because he wants to fight over in Harris County which  
14 judge ought to have it, and that's improper. So, I  
15 will agree and I have prepared an order on another  
16 motion that I had, but I didn't want to raise that  
17 fight today.

18 What I really wanted is my motion for  
19 substituted service granted, because these guys are  
20 dodging service, and I have an email where -- saying  
21 he is actually dodging service. I have almost never  
22 had a case where a client has emailed another one of  
23 his clients saying, I'm going to dodge service.

24 And so I want to get this guy in this  
25 case, and what they're doing is moving assets and

1 trying to avoid service. So, I will come back with a  
2 motion to transfer the rest of the defendants when  
3 one of those is here or some other basis, but I'm not  
4 going to have Mr. Smith be nonsuited, which I thought  
5 we were agreeing to, and I thought we were going to  
6 agree to move it to Harris County, and then this  
7 lawyer drafted something that says his clients agree  
8 to moving it to the 281st. I am agreeing to move it  
9 to Harris County. Let the administrative judge do  
10 whatever he wants to with it, but I'm not going to  
11 violate the rules of Harris County.

12 MR. FLACK: Your Honor, if I may.

13 THE COURT: Yes.

14 MR. FLACK: First of all, it is not my  
15 client that he is accusing of avoiding service. I  
16 don't have anything to do with that.

17 Secondly, the Rule 11 agreement he  
18 signed just yesterday said it should go to the 281st.

19 MR. KELLEY: No, it says your motion --

20 MR. FLACK: Motion to transfer --

21 THE COURT: Don't interrupt.

22 MR. FLACK: His own motion to transfer,  
23 the one that is before you today, says it should  
24 be -- plaintiff asked the Court to transfer and  
25 consolidate the case filed in Bexar County, 2013 blah

1     blah blah, into Cause Number 2013-06483 currently  
2     pending in the 281st. All we are asking is that the  
3     transfer that he says should happen should happen.

4                 We want it to go to the 281st, and the  
5     parties have stipulated in the Rule 11 agreement that  
6     it should go to the 281st. That's all we are asking  
7     for.

8                 THE COURT: All right.

9                 MR. KELLEY: And the order I proposed,  
10    Judge, gives it to the administrative judge in Harris  
11    County to assign. So, maybe I would like it there,  
12    maybe I wouldn't, maybe the rest of the people would,  
13    but the proper procedure, and I explained this to  
14    Mr. Flack, was simply transfer it to Harris County.  
15    The administrative judge will then take it and assign  
16    it properly. And I'm willing to do still do that,  
17    but I'm not moving today on my motion to transfer.  
18    I'm simply nonsuiting him and moving forward on my  
19    motion for substituted service.

20                MR. FLACK: In that case --

21                THE COURT: Go ahead. Wrap it up.

22                MR. FLACK: We move to enforce the  
23    Rule 11 agreement that says he is going to move to  
24    transfer and it is going to go to Harris County and  
25    to the 281st.

1 THE COURT: All right. Let's get the  
2 first -- let's go back to what we were starting.  
3 Motion for nonsuit as to Arthur Smith only is  
4 granted.

5 MR. KELLEY: Thank you.

6 THE COURT: All right. What else needs  
7 to be taken up today?

8 MR. KELLEY: My motion for substituted  
9 service on Mr. Dave Gorham, and Your Honor --

10 THE COURT: Did you give notice --

11 MR. FLACK: Your Honor --

12 THE COURT: -- or is there notice to  
13 Mr. Gorham?

14 MR. KELLEY: Mr. Gorham, we have been  
15 trying to attempt service on him.

16 THE COURT: He hasn't filed? He  
17 hasn't --

18 MR. KELLEY: He has not answered.

19 THE COURT: He hasn't made an  
20 appearance? He doesn't have an attorney of record at  
21 this time?

22 MR. KELLEY: No, sir, no attorney.

23 THE COURT: Do you have any dog in this  
24 fight -- in that fight?

25 MR. FLACK: Not with Mr. Gorham, but

1 let me say I want to make it clear on the record, our  
2 plea in abatement is granted, denied, or what is the  
3 decision?

4 THE COURT: Let me get through the  
5 nonsuit. Let me get through the motion for  
6 substituted service, and then I will come to your  
7 motion.

8 MR. FLACK: I guess my point, Your  
9 Honor, is I think the plea in abatement has to come  
10 up first because it -- because the jurisdiction.

11 MR. KELLEY: No, it doesn't, Judge.

12 THE COURT: Okay. I just made my  
13 ruling. Let me get through this. The motion for  
14 substituted service on who?

15 MR. KELLEY: Dave Gorham.

16 THE COURT: Dave Gorham is granted.

17 MR. KELLEY: Okay. And I proposed an  
18 order, Judge.

19 THE COURT: Okay. All right.

20 MR. KELLEY: And it --

21 THE COURT: And then, Mr. Flack, since  
22 you're the attorney of record on the nonsuit, look at  
23 the order dismissing all claims against. He just has  
24 it without anybody. Make sure -- if you can put your  
25 signature for as approval as to form only.

1 And in regards to the substituted  
2 service, I presume, as you've indicated, you have no  
3 appearance in that.

4 All right. Is there anything else in  
5 behalf of the plaintiff?

6 MR. KELLEY: No -- well, I would talk  
7 to Mr. Flack and see if I can work something out, but  
8 I don't have anything to move on yet.

9 THE COURT: Okay.

10 MR. KELLEY: If I can confer with him,  
11 maybe we can cut --

12 THE COURT: Well, let me ask Mr. Flack  
13 at this time. Is there anything you're asking of the  
14 Court at this time as far as ruling?

15 MR. FLACK: Yes, our plea in abatement.

16 THE COURT: All right. And go ahead  
17 and argue that.

18 MR. KELLEY: Your Honor, may I object?

19 THE COURT: Yes.

20 MR. KELLEY: Since he has been  
21 nonsuited, he now has no standing.

22 THE COURT: I understand. Your  
23 objection is noted, overruled. I'm going to let him  
24 argue it for purposes of the record.

25 Go ahead.

1 MR. FLACK: As we have set forth in our  
2 motion, the parties to the cases are essentially the  
3 same. The defendants here are plaintiffs there and  
4 paper entities they put together for the purpose of  
5 bringing this case. The reason this case is here is  
6 because we filed an action, obtained a TRO in Harris  
7 County, and then they got that TRO abated on the  
8 grounds that we lacked authority to do business in  
9 Texas.

10 While it was abated, they came to Bexar  
11 County without notice to us, without notice to the  
12 Harris County court. They obtained a TRO ex parte  
13 without telling Judge Strauss, the Judge, that there  
14 was already a prior filed action in Harris County.

15 We came up. We got that essentially  
16 dissolved, and now it is time to recognize the  
17 superior jurisdiction of the first filed action in  
18 Harris County, which is where this case should be  
19 pending. The law is pretty clear that the first  
20 filed action prevails. It was clearly the first  
21 filed action. Even they don't contest anymore that  
22 this case belongs in Harris County. In fact, they  
23 have moved to transfer it to Harris County  
24 recognizing that it is essentially the same case.

25 The Judge there has invested

1 considerable time. We have had numerous hearings,  
2 including one three-day temporary injunction hearing  
3 at the conclusion of which she granted us an  
4 injunction against them pretending to be our board of  
5 directors, which is what our case was about.

6 THE COURT: Uh-huh.

7 MR. FLACK: And the time has come for  
8 us to stop trekking back and forth to Bexar County  
9 every few weeks to come up here and waste this  
10 Court's time. The case should be abated in favor of  
11 the Harris County action.

12 THE COURT: Anything else?

13 MR. KELLEY: I could respond if you  
14 need me to, Judge.

15 THE COURT: This is your record.

16 MR. KELLEY: All right. Well, then let  
17 me make my record.

18 First, Judge, I object to his lack of  
19 standing. His client having been nonsuited, the  
20 Court having granted that, he lacks standing to bring  
21 any motion. None of the other defendants are before  
22 you asking for anything, therefore, it is improper  
23 for a -- now a stranger to the suit to come in and  
24 ask for any relief.

25 Plea in abatement is simply a motion.

1 It must be granted. He has had ample opportunity to  
2 have it heard before today. He has never had it  
3 heard. He has never had it granted. He has never  
4 even presented it to a judge for ruling. So, it is  
5 improper for now after being nonsuited.

6 As to the rest of it, the first filed  
7 case, Judge, was actually in Nevada. He filed a TRO  
8 in Houston to circumvent the Nevada case. He  
9 actually filed a letter that would support that. He  
10 did not call the lawyer who was already on file in  
11 the Harris County case. The second case was another  
12 Harris County case. Mr. Flack knew of that case and  
13 avoided that case and filed his own to try to get his  
14 own TRO.

15 Through his many reasons, for which  
16 Mr. Flack was not present for some of these, the  
17 Court denied -- granted his TRO initially and then  
18 totally abated it for multiple reasons. Then when he  
19 got to the TI hearing, Mr. Flack's client or former  
20 client, however you put it, Mr. Dunken, testified  
21 that assets were being moved, and they were being  
22 moved in a manner that the Court found disturbing, as  
23 she put on the record, and she granted an injunction,  
24 which Mr. Flack on the record had to support. So,  
25 she locked down the assets to only the -- a company.

1                   These individuals, having been served  
2 in this case -- and these are different plaintiffs.  
3 Some of these are different. They are not in the  
4 lawsuit. Some of them are in another lawsuit, not in  
5 the 281st, that was filed the first. So, according  
6 to Mr. Flack, this should all be moved down.

7                   And it is simplify fighting -- and I  
8 will tell you the truth, Judge. Judge Gomez is  
9 Democrat, Judge Matthews Republican. They wanted the  
10 Republican judges, and I don't really care. The  
11 lowest filed case number was a Democrat, so that's  
12 what he is really doing by trying to move it to the  
13 281st.

14                   What I tried to do was say, Let's  
15 follow the procedure. The procedure is you send it  
16 to Harris County if that's what you want, because you  
17 claim it is abated. We consolidated it, but let the  
18 administrative judge in Harris County do that. Don't  
19 us try to game the system over here in San Antonio.

20                   This morning you broke down and said,  
21 No. We put it in the Rule 11. Actually, what it  
22 says, Mr. Smith agrees to move it to the 281st. I  
23 didn't agree to that.

24                   I agreed to transfer it. My order  
25 says -- if you look at the proposed order, it simply

1 says, We will send it to the administrative judge,  
2 who will assign it. That is the proper procedure. I  
3 have done this before.

4 The administrative judge in Harris  
5 County, as I understand, doesn't like people to tell  
6 him where to send stuff, and he does it on his own,  
7 so I didn't want to necessarily have him looking at  
8 me as if I had done forum shopping. So, I was just  
9 was going to totally blind send to him, let him do it  
10 however.

11 If he's assigns it to the 281st, great.  
12 If he doesn't, if he assigns it to the lower filed  
13 case in the Democrat's court, that's fine, too. I  
14 don't really care, but I'm not going to have another  
15 fight in Harris County because somebody is accusing  
16 me of forum shopping.

17 Now, as to this -- the key issue,  
18 though, Judge was his client and another guy named  
19 Dave Gorham -- Terry Dunken was his client. Terry  
20 Dunken got on the stand and said, They are moving  
21 assets, had already done it. The judge got very  
22 irritated, but I didn't have the individuals locked  
23 down, because they're not parties to that. Dave  
24 Gorham, Terry Dunken, those individuals had not been  
25 in that lawsuit, because we didn't file counters in

1 that.

2 All we had was this case trying to lock  
3 down the assets, and the Judge here did grant those  
4 assets, and he is incorrect in what we told the  
5 Judge. He then came up here, and the Judge left in  
6 place the TRO for locking down the assets as to the  
7 individuals. We had the company locked down in  
8 Houston, and we had the individuals, different basis,  
9 different reasons, but the idea was to preserve those  
10 assets before they moved into a Cayman operation.

11 That stayed in place until it expired  
12 by its own terms. When it expired, Judge, we came  
13 back here. This lawyer then tried to -- and I don't  
14 want to go into all the details, but the bottom line  
15 was we have had so much attempt now in the last two  
16 months trying to get Mr. Gorham served. And if you  
17 look at this affidavit, he literally says, The  
18 process server almost got me last night, but I  
19 avoided him. If you will come by, I will jump in the  
20 car in the back of the hotel, and I will whisk off  
21 with you, and we will avoid the service.

22 I have never had anybody give me that  
23 kind of evidence on a motion to substitute service  
24 where he literally admits to knowing the server is  
25 out there trying to get him, and I am going to jump

1 in a car to avoid service. And so that's why, since  
2 we have had attempts, good attempts on him in this  
3 case, repeated attempts, we are set up perfect for a  
4 motion to substitute. He wants this abated so I have  
5 to start all over in Harris County.

6 Mr. Dunken has been served in this  
7 case. He has not answered. I guess his answer is  
8 due next Monday, but he has not answered. So, what  
9 he wants me to do is start all over with the  
10 individuals so they can continue their activities in  
11 trying to move these assets, and I think that's  
12 improper.

13 So, all I'm asking for this morning --  
14 and I'm willing to transfer to Harris County. I am  
15 not willing to get into a fight there. I'm also  
16 willing to say anything else reasonable, but this  
17 morning really all I have asked the Judge to do is  
18 grant my nonsuit, and --

19 THE COURT: We have done that. Now, I  
20 just need a ruling on the plea in abatement.

21 Anything else on the plea in abatement?

22 MR. FLACK: Yes, we support the  
23 injunction. He is saying we -- we obtained the  
24 injunction from the Court. The Court has held a  
25 three-day temporary injunction hearing. That is the

1 case either to which this case should be transferred  
2 or in favor of which this case should be abated.

3 THE COURT: Okay.

4 MR. FLACK: And, by the way, Mr. Dunken  
5 and Mr. Gorham are not my clients.

6 THE COURT: Understood. The  
7 defendant's plea of abatement is denied.

8 MR. KELLEY: Thank you.

9 THE COURT: What else can I do for  
10 y'all today?

11 MR. KELLEY: Sign those orders when he  
12 approves them.

13 THE COURT: He did -- he did put some  
14 corrections. You might want to --

15 MR. KELLEY: Let me see what he put.

16 THE COURT: -- see what he put. If  
17 there is any -- if I need to rescind my order, I will  
18 do so.

19 MR. KELLEY: Let me see.

20 I'm fine with it, Judge. I will accept  
21 his changes, initial it.

22 THE COURT: Initial and approve.

23 MR. KELLEY: Yes, Judge.

24 THE COURT: And then what about the  
25 substituted service order? What happened to that

1 order?

2 MR. KELLEY: I gave it to the Court. I  
3 can get you another one.

4 THE COURT: Did I give it back to  
5 y'all?

6 MR. KELLEY: Did you give it to him?

7 THE COURT: Did I give it to you?

8 MR. KELLEY: Nope.

9 Do you have a copy?

10 Yeah, he has -- you gave it to him.

11 THE COURT: All right. You need to  
12 approve as to form on this.

13 MR. KELLEY: Yes, Judge, I will do that  
14 right now.

15 THE COURT: And then do you have an  
16 order for the plea of abatement?

17 MR. FLACK: Not denying it, no.

18 THE COURT: Well, somebody bring me an  
19 order.

20 MR. KELLEY: Can you take your order  
21 and we will just put denied on it? Would that be  
22 okay with you, Judge?

23 THE COURT: I don't have any problem as  
24 to form. If y'all approve it as to form, it is your  
25 form.

1 MR. KELLEY: If not, I will get one  
2 submitted to you, Judge.

3 THE COURT: Okay.

4 MR. KELLEY: Okay. Judge, I --

5 MR. FLACK: Your Honor, our motion to  
6 enforce the Rule 11?

7 THE COURT: The what now?

8 MR. FLACK: Our motion to enforce the  
9 Rule 11 agreement.

10 THE COURT: Well, we still have another  
11 issue to take up?

12 MR. FLACK: Yes, Your Honor.

13 THE COURT: Okay.

14 MR. KELLEY: Well, I don't think he has  
15 a motion, Judge. Now that he is no longer a party,  
16 he cannot move on anything.

17 THE COURT: Well, let me find out what  
18 he is asking for. What are you asking for?

19 MR. FLACK: We are moving to enforce  
20 the Rule 11 agreement that I handed the Court few  
21 moments ago in which Mr. Kelley says he agrees to  
22 transfer the case to 281st Court in Harris County,  
23 Texas.

24 THE COURT: Okay. That was something I  
25 heard y'all were going to talk about. Is that --

1 you're not going to talk about it? You just want a  
2 ruling?

3 MR. FLACK: If he is willing to agree  
4 to transfer to the 281st, I'm happy to do that.

5 THE COURT: I don't believe I heard  
6 that.

7 MR. KELLEY: Well, no, Judge, I'm not.

8 THE COURT: We heard -- we went  
9 through -- we heard extensive debriefing on how  
10 things operate in Harris County.

11 MR. FLACK: Okay. I move to enforce  
12 the Rule 11 agreement, Your Honor.

13 THE COURT: All right. Your request is  
14 denied. Y'all figure out what you got. You may well  
15 have to go back to Harris to figure out what y'all  
16 have over there. That is all I'm doing today.

17 MR. KELLEY: Okay.

18 THE COURT: Y'all have a good day.

19 MR. KELLEY: I think I have an order  
20 for you, Judge. What I did was just put denied.

21 THE COURT: Okay. Here is your  
22 paperwork.

23 MR. KELLEY: Yes, sir, Your Honor.

24 THE COURT: Mr. Kelley.

25 MR. KELLEY: Take it down.

1 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

2 MR. KELLEY: Thank you, Your Honor.

3 THE COURT: Local counsel, do you have  
4 anything you want to say?

5 MS. SANCHEZ: I'm good, Your Honor.

6 MR. KELLEY: All right. Your Honor,  
7 may I submit this to you?

8 THE COURT: Yes.

9 MR. KELLEY: I just crossed out  
10 everything except denied.

11 *(Conclusion of proceedings)*

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<b>Defendants.</b>	§	<b>285<sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT</b>

**PLAINTIFFS' NOTICE OF NONSUIT WITHOUT PREJUDICE**

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

COMES NOW Plaintiffs Rhodes Holdings. LLC, Recap Marketing & Consulting LLP, WEM Equity Capital Investments, Ltd., Robert C. Rhodes, Delta S Ventures LP, Hunter M.A. Carr & William McIlwain and give notice to this Court and all Parties in this lawsuit that they hereby non-suit without prejudice all of their claims and causes of action in the above-referenced case against Defendant Arthur Smith. effective immediately upon the filing of this notice.

Respectfully submitted.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served by facsimile transmission, to all parties and/or counsel of record on March 26, 2013.

/s/: Lloyd E. Kelley \_\_\_\_\_  
Lloyd E. Kelley

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### Defendants.

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT**

**BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS**

## 285<sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT

## ORDER DISMISSING ALL CLAIMS AGAINST

CAME ON TO BE HEARD, *Plaintiffs' Notice of Nonsuit without Prejudice*, and the court. After considering the Notice, is of the opinion that all claims, defenses, and causes of action in this case against Defendant Arthur Smith should be DISMISSED without Prejudice. It is therefore:

ORDERED, that all claims and causes of action brought by Plaintiffs Rhodes Holdings, LLC et al against Arthur Smith are hereby DISMISSED without Prejudice.

SIGNED ON THIS      day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

HONORABLE JUDGE PRESIDING



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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF

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285<sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT

*Denying*  
ORDER GRANTING PLEA IN ABATEMENT

On this date, the Court considered Defendant Arthur L. Smith's Verified Plea in Abatement and Motion to Abate Proceedings. After reviewing the documents in the Court's file and the arguments of counsel, the Court finds that the Plea in Abatement ~~should be granted~~. *is denied. Denied.*

*[Large handwritten circle]*  
Accordingly, it is, therefore, ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that all of Plaintiffs' claims and causes of action in this action are abated, that Plaintiffs are required to bring such claims, if at all, through the pending action in Harris County, Texas, Cause No. 2013-06483 in the 281st District Court of Harris County, Texas, and that Plaintiffs' claims and causes of action against Defendants in this action shall remain abated pending the outcome of such lawsuit or further order of this Court.

Signed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2013.

*[Signature]*  
JUDGE PRESIDING

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CAME ON TO BE HEARD, *Plaintiffs' Notice of Nonsuit without Prejudice*, and the court. After considering the Notice, is of the opinion that all claims, defenses, and causes of action in this case against Defendant Arthur Smith should be DISMISSED without Prejudice. It is therefore:

ORDERED, that all claims and causes of action brought by Plaintiffs Rhodes Holdings, LLC *as well as the plaintiffs* against Arthur Smith are hereby DISMISSED without Prejudice.

SIGNED ON THIS 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013

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**285<sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

**ORDER AS RULE 106 MOTION FOR SUBSTITUTION OF SERVICE**


After considering Plaintiffs' Rule 106 Motion for Alternative Service and the supporting affidavit and correspondence, the Court finds the Plaintiffs attempts to serve Defendant David Gorham have been unsuccessful and finds that the alternative service requested in this Motion for Substitution of Service shall be **GRANTED**.

THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED that Plaintiffs' Original Petition and Citation shall be served to David Gorham by (1) mailing citation and Plaintiffs' Original Petition to David Gorham or anyone over 18 years old located at his home address via certified mail at 1778 Morning Glory Lane, Pocatello, Idaho, 83201-1960 or (2) serving citation and Plaintiffs' Original Petition to David Gorham via his company Oleum Capital, LLC, through counsel of record for Oleum Capital, LLC care of Venable LLP, Melissa Gomez, George Kostolampros, or Tom Kelly, at 575 7<sup>th</sup> Street, NW Washington, DC 20004, Fax (202) 344-8300.

Signed on March 26 2013

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March 25, 2013

By Email

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Re: *Digerati Technologies, Inc. v. Sonfield & Sonfield, PC and Rhodes et al. v. Gorham et al.*

Dear Mr. Kelley:

I have spoken to Mr. Smith and I write to memorialize the agreement that he tells was conveyed to him.

In the Bexar County court, Art Smith will pass the hearing on his plea in abatement and motion to abate, he will not oppose your motion for substitute service on Dave Gorham, and he will agree to the transfer of the Bexar County case to the 281st Court in Harris County. In exchange for that, at the conclusion of the hearing in Bexar County tomorrow, all of the plaintiffs in the Bexar County case (*Rhodes et al. v. Gorham et al.*) will immediately nonsuit Art Smith from that case without prejudice and, ~~within ten days, you will also secure a nonsuit without prejudice of all claims against Mr. Smith in *Digerati Technologies, Inc. v. Sonfield & Sonfield, PC et al.* and any other case(s) relating to Digerati where any claim is asserted against him.~~ If you agree to this, please confirm by signing below. If you do not agree, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Paul D. Flack

Agreed  
as modified  
PFL

Agreed:

Lloyd E. Kelley

As modified,

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**NO. 2013-ci-02253**

**RHODES HOLDINGS, LLC ET. AL.**  
**Plaintiffs,**

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT**

**VS.**

**DAVID L. GORHAM  
MCI PARTNERS, LLC  
ARTHUR L. SMITH  
ANTONIO ESTRADA  
MURRAY R. NYE  
JOHN R. FLEMING &  
BERT TERRY DUNKEN JR  
LOU SOUMAS**

**Defendants.**

**JURY TRIAL REQUESTED**

**BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS**

## 285<sup>TH</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT

## AMENDED NOTICE OF ORAL HEARING

Please be advised that Plaintiff's Motion for Temporary Injunction will be heard by this Court on Wednesday, April 24, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. in the Presiding District Court, Bexar County, Texas.

Respectfully submitted,

**THE KELLEY LAW FIRM**

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**Date:** 4/16/13 **Re:** Rhodes Holdings, LLC ET AL vs. David L.  
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Amended Notice of Oral Hearing

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INVESTMENTS, LTD  
ROBERT C. RHODES,  
DELTA S VENTURES LP,  
HUNTER M.A. CARR &  
WILLIAM MCILWAIN  
Plaintiffs,**

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ARTHUR L. SMITH  
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BERT TERRY DUNKEN JR  
LOU SOUMAS  
Defendants.**

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT**

**BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS**

**285<sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

## NOTICE OF HEARING

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT Plaintiffs' Rule 106 Motion for Substitution of Process Service will be heard in an oral hearing on the **24<sup>th</sup>** day of April, **2013** at **9:00AM** in the 285<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court of Bexar County.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Notice of Hearing as to Plaintiffs' Motion for Substitution of Process Service**

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**REQUEST**

Plaintiff, Rhodes Holdings, LLC et al., respectfully asks the Court allow Plaintiff to serve Defendants under Rule 106 by alternative service.

**PRAYER**

Plaintiffs Rhodes Holdings, LLC, et al. respectfully ask the court to allow Plaintiffs Rhodes Holdings, LLC, et al. to serve Lou Soumas by (1) delivering citation and Plaintiff's Original Petition and Temporary Restraining Order via anyone over sixteen (16) years of age at 12603 Southwest Freeway, Suite 170, Houston, Texas 77477 or (2) affixing citation and Plaintiff's Original Petition and Temporary Restraining Order to the main doors of entry/ exit at 12603 Southwest Freeway, Suite 170, Houston, Texas 77477.

**Respectfully submitted**

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This is to certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing instrument has been forwarded to counsel of record in compliance with Rule 21 on this 22<sup>nd</sup> of April via fax.

/s/ Lloyd E. Kelley  
LLOYD E. KELLEY

State of Texas

County of Bexar

285th District Court

Case Number: 2013-CI-02253



WAL2013000212

Plaintiff:

Rondes Holdings, L.L.C., Recap Marketing & Consulting L.L.P., Wem  
Equity Capital Investments, Ltd et. al

vs.

Defendant:

David L. Gorham et. al.

For:

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Received by IT SHALL BE DONE CIVIL PROCESS on the 16th day of April, 2013 at 2:30 pm to be served on Lou Soumas, 12603 Southwest Freeway, Suite 170, Houston, Houston County, TX 77477.

I, Larry White, being duly sworn, depose and say that on the 22nd day of April, 2013 at 1:30 pm, I:

**NON-SERVED** the Citation/Plaintiff's Original Petition and Temporary Restraining Order for the reasons detailed in the comments below.

**Additional Information pertaining to this Service:**

4/18/2013 3:19 pm Attempted service at 12603 Southwest Freeway, Suite 170, Houston, TX 77477, I was told by Terry Dunken and a female employee or coworker that worked there, that Lou Souman was not there. The lady corrected me on the saying of Lou last name as to know him personal. Mr. Dunken knew who I was and why I was there from the beginning, the lady didn't at first so she answered honestly. The office has 5 to 8 rooms with empty desk except the one Terry and the lady was sitting at.

4/19/2013 9:45 am Attempted service at 12603 Southwest Freeway, Suite 170, Houston, TX 77477, The door to the office was locked. It is a glass door, I could see into the office, the lights are on, no answer.

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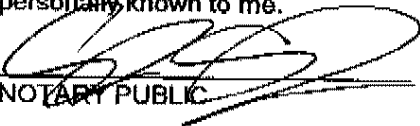
4/22/2013 1:10 pm Attempted service at 12603 Southwest Freeway, Suite 170, Houston, TX 77477, I was told by the man I spoke to on 4/19/2013, that Lou Soumas don't visit the office there often but there is a attorney there that can accept documents for him by the name of Jason Meeks.

EXHIBIT

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I certify that I am of sound mind and capable of making this Affidavit. I am an adult over the age of 18, have no interest in the above action nor a party to. I have never been convicted of any felony or of any crime of moral turpitude and I am State Certified and Authorized to serve process under rule 103 and 536(a), to serve citations and other notices of the court.

Subscribed and Sworn to before me on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day  
of April, 2013 by the affiant who is  
personally known to me.

  
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## 285<sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Judge Presiding

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Plaintiffs' Rule 106 Motion for Substitution of Process Service as to Lou Soumas

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RHODES HOLDINGS, LLC,	( )	IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
ET AL,	( )	
	( )	
Plaintiff,	( )	
vs.	( )	BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS
	( )	
DAVID L. GORHAM,	( )	
et al.,	( )	
	( )	
Defendants,	( )	285th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

**AGREED TEMPORARY INJUNCTION ORDER**

Came on to be heard, Plaintiffs' Application for Temporary Injunction. Defendant David L. Gorham ("Gorham") appeared subject to his Special Appearance. Defendants Bert Terry Dunken, Jr. ("Dunken") and MCI Partners, LLC ("MCI Partners") appeared through counsel. The Plaintiffs and Defendants Gorham, Dunken, and MCI Partners ("Parties") agree to entry of the following Temporary Injunction:

The Parties define the "November 26, 2012 transaction" to be the reverse acquisition by and between Digerati Technologies, Inc. and Waste Deep, Inc., Dishon Disposal, Inc., Hurley Fairview, LLC, and Riverfront Capital, LLC that occurred on November 26, 2012.

The Parties agree to dispense with findings by the Court of imminent harm or irreparable injury or the necessity for setting a bond or a final trial date.

The Parties agree that David L. Gorham does not waive his Special Appearance by entering into this Rule 11/Agreed Temporary Injunction.

The Parties further agree to the following Temporary Injunction:

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**THEREFORE THE PARTIES AGREE AND THE COURT ORDERS THAT**  
Gorham, Dunken, and MCI Partners, and all persons acting in concert with them are restrained  
and hereby enjoined from:

1. Moving any assets of Digerati Technologies, Inc out of Digerati Technologies, Inc or  
executing any documents that would move or transfer assets out of Digerati  
Technologies, Inc.
2. Transferring, conveying, assigning, destroying, secreting, disposing or selling any  
assets conveyed for the benefit of Digerati Technologies, Inc. in the November 26,  
2012 transaction, without prior approval of the Court.
3. Destroying, altering, secreting, or disposing of any documents or electronic data or  
medium with any information or communication pertaining to Digerati Technologies,  
Inc. or any of its subsidiaries.

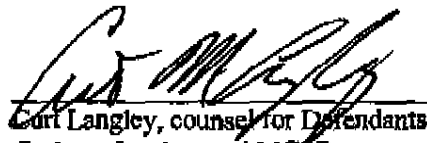
SIGNED ON April \_\_\_\_\_ 2013 at \_\_\_\_\_ a.m. /p.m.

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PRESIDING JUDGE

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DAVID L. GORHAM,	(.)	
et al.,	(.)	
Defendants.	(.)	<u>285th</u> JUDICIAL DISTRICT
	(.)	
THE LUNARIA HERITAGE TRUST	(.)	
Intervenor	(.)	

**VERIFIED PETITION IN INTERVENTION BY THE LUNARIA HERITAGE TRUST  
AND REQUEST FOR T.R.O AND REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY INJUNCTION AND  
REQUEST FOR DISCLOSURE**

COMES NOW The Lunaria Heritage Trust ("Intervenor") and files this Petition In Intervention pursuant to Rule 60 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, in the above action.

**I. Intervenor's Interest**

1. Intervenor, The Lunaria Heritage Trust, is a 50% owner of Oleum Capital, LLC. The Rainmaker Trust owns the other 50% owner of Oleum Capital, LLC. The Managing Member of Oleum Capital, LLC is Scott Hepford.
2. Intervenor, The Lunaria Heritage Trust, is a 50% owner of Prestige Management Consultants, LLC. The Rainmaker Trust owns the other 50% of Prestige Management Consultants, LLC. The Managing Member of Prestige Management Consultants, LLC is Scott Hepford. Prestige Management Consultants owns 100% of MCI Partners, LLC. The Managing Member of MCI Partners, LLC is Scott Hepford.
3. Oleum Capital, LLC owns the majority share of Digerati Technologies, Inc. ("Digerati"). As such, Intervenor has a justiciable interest in this lawsuit, as the one of the two ultimate

owners of a majority interest in Digerati. David Gorham and Terry Dunken are acting in concert to take Intervenor's ownership interest and to denude Digerati of all of its assets of value causing Intervenor harm.

4. Intervenor's intervention in this action will not complicate the case by excessively multiplying the issues. Intervenor seeks relief from the same parties as Plaintiffs.
5. Intervenor has a justiciable interest in this lawsuit in that Defendants are attempting to deprive Intervenor of its ownership and control of Oleum Capital, LLC.

## **II. Parties**

1. Plaintiff Rhodes Holdings, LLC has appeared as a Plaintiff.
2. Recap Marketing & Consulting LLP has appeared as a Plaintiff.
3. WEM Equity Capital Investments, LTD has appeared as a Plaintiff.
4. Robert C. Rhodes has appeared as a Plaintiff.
5. Delta S Ventures, LP has appeared as a Plaintiff.
6. Hunter Carr has appeared as a Plaintiff.
7. William McIlwain has appeared as a Plaintiff.
8. David L. Gorham ("Gorham") has been served and has appeared subject to a Special Appearance.
9. Bert Terry Dunken, Jr. ("Dunken") has appeared as a Defendant.
10. MCI Partners, LLC ("MCI Partners") has appeared as a Defendant.
11. Lou Soumas is a defendant who has been served by alternate service by Court order but has not answered.
12. Intervenor, The Lunaria Heritage Trust, is a Texas trust.

13. The Rainmaker Trust is a Texas trust that may be served with process by serving its trustee, Bert "Terry" Dunken, Jr. at 2203 Greenhaven Dr., Sugar Land, Texas 77479 or at 12320 Barker Cypress Road, Suite 600 number 247, Cypress, Texas 77429 or at 12603 Southwest Freeway, Suite 170, Stafford, Texas 77477.
14. The Southpaw Trust is a Texas trust who may be served with process by serving its trustee Stan Miller at 10809 Executive Center Drive, Suite 320, Little Rock, Arkansas 72211.
15. Gary Haak is a cross-defendant who may be served with process at 12603 Southwest Freeway, Suite 170, Stafford, Texas 77477.
16. Sheryl "Sherri" Dunken is a cross-defendant who may be served with process at 2203 Greenhaven Dr., Sugar Land, Texas 77479.

### **III. Discovery**

1. Discovery is intended to be conducted under Level 3 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

### **IV. Request for Disclosure**

1. Pursuant to Texas Rules of Civil Procedure 194, Intervenor requests that David L. Gorham ("Gorham"), Bert Terry Dunken, Jr. ("Dunken"), MCI Partners, LLC ("MCI Partners"), Lou Soumas, The Rainmaker Trust, The Southpaw Trust, Gary Haak and Sheryl "Sherri" Dunken to disclose the information or material described in Rule 194.2 a-1 within 50 days of service of this request.

### **V. Jurisdiction and Venue**

1. This Court has jurisdiction over this matter because the amount in controversy is within the jurisdictional limits of this Court, and because Intervenor seeks writs of injunction over property or stock certificates located within the jurisdiction of this state. Further, the

ownership of the public company at issue is Digerati who maintains its principal place of business in San Antonio, Texas.

2. Venue is proper in Bexar County under Section 15.002(a)(1) of the Texas Civil Practices and Remedies Code because all or a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claims occurred in Bexar County, Texas. Specifically, Art Smith, the President and CEO of Digerati, and Antonio Estrada, the CFO of Digerati, met with Scott Hepford, the managing member of Oleum Capital, LLC in San Antonio, Texas in November 2012. The stock certificates assigning Oleum Capital, LLC the majority interest in Digerati and the super voting control were executed by Art Smith and Antonio Estrada in San Antonio, Texas. Scott Hepford then drove just north of San Antonio to meet with Dunken and handed him the relevant executed stock certificates of Digerati. Dunken was the attorney for the Dishon and Hurley companies.

## **VI. Facts**

1. On November 26, 2012, Digerati acquired Waste Deep, Inc. Waste Deep, Inc. had recently acquired Dishon Disposal, Inc. ("Dishon") and Hurley Enterprises, Inc. ("Hurley"). The acquisition brought over \$120 million worth of assets into Digerati.
2. With the acquisition of Waste Deep, Inc. on November 26, 2012 by Digerati, The Lunaria Heritage Trust acquired a 50% ownership of Series A Preferred Stock convertible into approximately 40,800,000 shares of Common Stock of the 60,000,000 issued and outstanding common shares of Digerati after conversion, which is approximately 68% of the issued and outstanding post conversion common shares. That ownership interest equated to millions of dollars of value. It was planned that after the required SEC audited

financials were filed within 75 days of the transaction closing, the total market value of Digerati would rise to exceed \$300 million with a stock price of approximately \$5 / share.

3. At the time of the closing, Dunken was the trustee of The Lunaria Heritage Trust. Stan Miller, a former partner of Dunken, was the trust protector of The Lunaria Heritage Trust.
4. Dunken and Stan Miller acted as the attorneys who created The Lunaria Heritage Trust.
5. Dunken was the trustee of The Rainmaker Trust. David Gorham was the grantor of the The Rainmaker Trust set up for David Gorham and his wife.
6. Dunken was also the lawyer for Hurley and Dishon as well as their tax advisor.
7. After the closing, David Gorham and Terry Dunken, Jr. ousted Scott Hepford as an employee from MCI Partners, LLC.
8. Unknown to The Lunaria Heritage Trust, Dunken abused his position as trustee. Dunken created a trust for the benefit of his wife, The Southpaw Trust, and in concert with David Gorham, Dunken and Gorham converted the ownership of Oleum Capital to their own trusts.
9. On April 26, 2013, Dunken filed a Form 3 with the SEC that indicates Dunken and Gorham simply converted The Lunaria Heritage Trust's ownership in Oleum Capital, LLC.
10. Form 3 is an SEC filing relating to Digerati.
11. Dunken is reporting he is the owner and manager of Oleum Capital, LLC.
12. The Rainmaker Trust is also reporting in the Form 3 that it is the owner of Oleum Capital, LLC which owns the majority shares of Digerati. Dunken is reporting he is the trustee for The Rainmaker Trust.

13. Dunken has testified he and David Gorham simply took all of The Lunaria Heritage Trust's ownership interest in Oleum Capital, LLC during the first week in December 2012 shortly after the transaction closed.
14. Dunken has testified he placed some portion of The Lunaria Heritage Trust's ownership of Oleum Capital, LLC into a trust he created, The Southpaw Trust in which Dunken has made his wife, Sheryl "Sherri" Dunken, a beneficiary.
15. Dunken and Gorham then devised a plan to remove the Hurley and Dishon assets from the public company and move them to another company in which Gorham and Dunken would have an even greater ownership proportion.
16. Gorham and Dunken were driven by greed to take the 50% ownership interest of The Lunaria Heritage Trust's in Oleum Capital, LLC which owned the majority of Digerati.
17. Gorham and Dunken have moved to solidify their conversion of The Lunaria Heritage Trust's ownership of Oleum Capital, LLC by filing a Form 3 and by taking actions on behalf of Oleum Capital, LLC that were not authorized.
18. Gorham and Dunken then conspired to vote the shares of Oleum Capital, LLC in Digerati to fire the entire board of directors on December 23, 2012 and replace them with their hand-picked pawn, Art Smith.
19. Alternatively, Dunken acted as attorney in fact and counselor to Intervenor as trustee of the Trust. Dunken engaged in self-dealing and committed malpractice. Dunken's actions were so egregious as to constitute gross negligence if not intentional conduct.

## **VII. Claims**

### **A. Declaratory Judgment Under the Texas DJA**

1. Intervenor incorporates the facts contained in the preceding paragraphs as if they were fully set forth herein.
2. Intervenor requests a declaratory judgment that Intervenor, The Lunaria Heritage Trust, is a 50% owner of Oleum Capital, LLC.
3. Intervenor requests a declaratory judgment that the Managing Member of Oleum Capital, LLC is Scott Hepford.
4. Intervenor requests a declaratory judgment that The Lunaria Heritage Trust, is a 50% owner of Prestige Management Consultants, LLC.
5. Intervenor requests a declaratory judgment that the Managing Member of Prestige Management Consultants, LLC is Scott Hepford.
6. Intervenor requests a declaratory judgment that Prestige Management Consultants owns 100% of MCI Partners, LLC.
7. Intervenor requests a declaratory judgment that the Managing Member of MCI Partners, LLC is Scott Hepford.

**B. Breach of Fiduciary Duty**

1. Intervenor incorporates the facts contained in the preceding paragraphs as if they were fully set forth herein.
2. As set forth above, Dunken breached the fiduciary duty he owed to The Lunaria Heritage Trust.
3. Gorham acted in concert with Dunken to breach the fiduciary duty Dunken owed to The Lunaria Heritage Trust.
4. Intervenor has been proximately damaged by the breach of fiduciary duty owed to Intervenor.

5. As the trustee of The Lunaria Heritage Trust, Dunken owed The Lunaria Heritage Trust the highest fiduciary duty recognized by law.
6. Dunken owed the following duties to The Lunaria Heritage Trust:
  - a) The use of the skill and prudence that an ordinary, capable, and careful person would use in the conduct of their own affairs and loyalty to the beneficiaries of the Trust.
  - b) Duty of good faith, fair dealing, loyalty and fidelity over the Trust's affairs;
  - c) Duty to make the assets of the Trust productive while at the same time preserving the assets;
  - d) Duty to disclose all material facts to the Trust that might affect his rights;
  - e) Duty to account to the Trust for all transactions;
  - f) Duty to properly manage, supervise and safeguard Trust funds;
  - g) Duty to refrain from self-dealing with the Trust's assets;
7. Dunken breached his fiduciary duty that he owed to the Trust. Said breach caused injury to the Trust and/or benefited Dunken.
8. In the alternative, Intervenor seeks to recover its interest in Oleum or, in the alternative, Intervenor seeks the full value of his interest.
9. Gorham aided and abetted Dunken in Dunken's breach of his fiduciary duty. As such, they are jointly and severally liable.

### **C. Conversion**

1. Intervenor incorporates the facts contained in the preceding paragraphs as if they were fully set forth herein.
2. Dunken converted the assets entrusted to him for his own and his wife's benefit.
3. Gorham converted Intervenor's ownership interest in Oleum Capital, LLC.

4. Intervenor has the legal right to immediate possession of personal property. Defendants have exercised dominion and control over that property that is inconsistent with The Lunaria Heritage Trust's rights.
5. Defendants' have failed to return the property.
6. Defendants' actions have proximately caused injury and damage to Intervenor.

**D. Texas Theft Liability Act**

1. Intervenor incorporates the facts contained in the preceding paragraphs as if they were fully set forth herein.
2. As set out above, Intervenor has a possessory right to property. Defendants unlawfully misappropriated, secured and/or stole that property by taking it without effective consent and with intent to deprive Intervenor of the property. Defendants' conduct violated the Texas Penal Code section 31.03 and/or 31.05.
3. Intervenor suffered damages as a result of Defendant's theft or unlawful conduct at least in an amount equal to the total value of the stock in question.
4. Intervenor seeks statutory damages as well as punitive damages against Defendants under Chapter 134 of the TCPRC.

**E. Texas Securities Act Violations**

1. Intervenor incorporates the facts contained in the preceding paragraphs as if they were fully set forth herein.
2. As set out above, Defendants obtained securities of Digerati and Oleum Capital, LLC by means of untrue statements of material fact and/or omissions to state material facts necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, causing Intervenor.

3. In the alternative, Defendants directly or indirectly controlled sellers of the securities and/or materially aided the sellers with intent to deceive or defraud or with reckless disregard for the truth.
4. Defendants are jointly and severally liable for all damages provided by the Texas Securities Act.

**F. Fraud**

1. Intervenor incorporates the facts contained in the preceding paragraphs as if they were fully set forth herein.
2. Defendants made numerous false promises and false representations. Defendants intended that Intervenor rely on those false promises and false representations. Intervenor entered into one or more contracts in reliance on Defendant's false promises and false representations. Intervenor has suffered injury and damages as a result.
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4. Intervenor seeks attorney's fees under Chapter 27.

#### **H. Fraud By NonDisclosure/ Concealment**

1. Intervenor incorporates the facts contained in the preceding paragraphs as if they were fully set forth herein.
2. Defendants concealed from and failed to disclose material information to Intervenor that they had a duty to disclose. Among other things, Defendants failed to disclose they were taking Intervenor's interest in Oleum Capital, LLC and giving it to themselves.
3. Defendants' failed to disclose to Intervenor their plan to strip Digerati of its assets to drive the value of the shares of Digerati and Oleum Capital, LLC to nothing while they placed the Dishon and Hurley assets in another company.
4. Defendants were silent or actively concealing facts when they knew the truth. By failing to disclose such facts, Defendants induced Intervenor to take actions or refrain from taking actions. Defendants relied upon the nondisclosures to its disadvantage.
5. Defendants' nondisclosure and/or concealment of material facts proximately caused injury to Intervenor.
6. Defendants failed to disclose where they have moved the assets of Digerati to.

#### **I. Conspiracy**

1. Intervenor incorporates the facts contained in the preceding paragraphs as if they were fully set forth herein.
2. Defendants conspired against Intervenor to, *inter alia*, unlawfully gain control of Oleum and thus Digerati. As set forth above, Defendants were a member of a combination of two or more persons. The object of the combination was to accomplish an unlawful purpose (or, at the very least a lawful purpose by unlawful means). Defendants had a meeting of

the minds on the object of the course of action and at least one of the Defendants committed an unlawful overt act to further the object of course of action.

**J. Aiding and Abetting**

1. Intervenor incorporates the facts contained in the preceding paragraphs as if they were fully set forth herein.
2. Each Defendant is liable for the wrongful conduct of the others because each Defendant aided and abetted the others. As set out above, each Defendant breached a legal duty and personally participated in the wrongful conduct or assisted another in a substantial way, causing injury to Intervenor. Alternatively, each Defendant knew of the goal of the wrongful conduct of another and personally encouraged or assisted in a substantial way causing injury to Intervenor.

**K. Joint Enterprise Liability**

1. Intervenor incorporates the facts contained in the preceding paragraphs as if they were fully set forth herein.
2. Defendants had an agreement, a common purpose, a community or pecuniary interest in that common purpose, and an equal right to direct and control the enterprise.
3. Each Defendant was acting in the scope of the joint enterprise.
4. Accordingly, each Defendant is liable for the acts of the others.

**L. Constructive Trust**

1. Intervenor incorporates the facts contained in the preceding paragraphs as if they were fully set forth herein.
2. Defendants breached a special trust or fiduciary relationship and/or committed fraud.
3. Each of the Defendants has been unjustly enriched

4. Accordingly, Defendants request a constructive trust be imposed on all stock and other assets Defendants have obtained as a result of their wrongful conduct.

**M. Unjust Enrichment**

1. Intervenor incorporates the facts contained in the preceding paragraphs as if they were fully set forth herein.
2. Defendants obtained property from Intervenor by fraud or the taking of undue advantage and/or under circumstances where it would be unconscionable to allow them to retain such benefits.
3. Defendants are liable to Intervenor for unjust enrichment.

**N. Request for Temporary and Permanent Injunction**

1. Intervenor incorporates the facts contained in the preceding paragraphs as if they were fully set forth herein.
2. Intervenor requests the Court issue a permanent injunction against Defendants awarding all the relief sought above.

**O. Conditions Precedent**

1. All conditions precedent to Intervenor's claims for relief has been performed or have occurred.

**VIII. Application for Temporary Restraining Order**

1. Intervenor, The Lunaria Heritage Trust, prays the Court issue a temporary restraining order enjoining Defendants and all persons acting in concert with them from:
  - a) Exercising dominion or control over Intervenor, The Lunaria Heritage Trust;
  - b) Exercising dominion or control over Oleum Capital, LLC.
  - c) Taking any action to transfer any assets out of Intervenor, The Lunaria Heritage Trust;

- d) Taking any action to transfer any assets out of Oleum Capital, LLC;
- e) Taking any action or making any statements to the effect that any of them are authorized to take any action on behalf of Intervenor, The Lunaria Heritage Trust;
- f) Taking any action or making any statements to the effect that any of them are authorized to take any action on behalf of Oleum Capital, LLC;
- g) Filing any documents with any state or federal agency, self-regulatory organization, authority, regulatory body or other entity, including the SEC, any transfer agent, any secretary of state, and any bank, purporting to be on behalf of Intervenor, The Lunaria Heritage Trust;
- h) Filing any documents with any state or federal agency, self-regulatory organization, authority, regulatory body or other entity, including the SEC, any transfer agent, any secretary of state, and any bank, purporting to be on behalf of Oleum Capital, LLC.
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2. It is probable that Intervenor will recover from Defendants after a trial on the merits for the reasons set forth above. In particular, Intervenor will recover because Defendants have breached their fiduciary duty, fraud, statutory fraud, violations of the Texas Securities Act, conversion which are unlawful.
3. If Intervenor's application is not granted, harm is imminent. Intervenor will lose all of the value of its ownership in Oleum Capital, LLC which owns a valuable interest in Digerati. Defendants' actions to denude Digerati and scuttle the transaction and destroy the value of Digerati and Oleum Capital, LLC will harm Intervenor.
4. Intervenor has no adequate remedy at law because Defendants are continuing to inflict damages on Intervenor and are attempting to move assets. The filing of the Form 3 on April 26, 2013 is further indication Defendants are intending to move forward with their plans to convert Intervenor's ownership.
5. Intervenor is willing to post a bond. Intervenor asks that the bond amount be nominal, because the relief sought would not cause any financial harm to Defendants. Defendants are being asked to comply with the law and the ownership rights of Intervenor.
6. There is not enough time to serve notice on Defendants and hold a hearing on this application because Intervenor's need for relief is immediate and Defendants have indicated they are continuing to take Intervenor's interest.

#### **VIII. Application for Temporary Injunction**

1. Intervenor asks the Court to set its application for temporary injunction for a hearing and, after the hearing, issue a temporary injunction against Intervenor.

**PRAYER**

For these reasons, Intervenor prays that the Court award the following:

- a) Temporary and permanent injunctive relief;
- b) Order compelling Defendants to return Intervenor's assets;
- c) Damages, actual and compensatory;
- d) Exemplary and punitive damages;
- e) Prejudgment interest;
- f) Post-judgment interest;
- g) Declaratory judgment of the rights and parties;
- h) Attorneys' fees and expenses;
- i) Court costs; and
- j) Such other relief as the court may find just.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing instrument has been forwarded to all counsel of record via electronic filing, mail and/or certified mail return receipt requested on this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2013.

/s/: Lloyd E. Kelley  
LLOYD E. KELLEY

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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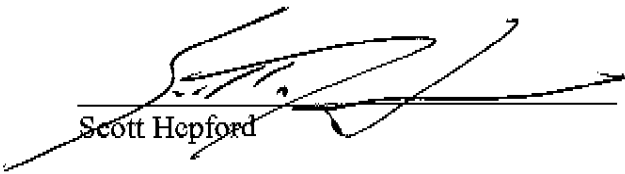
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**AFFIDAVIT**

"My name is Scott Hepford. I am over the age of eighteen and fully competent to make this Affidavit and that the following true and correct facts are within my personal knowledge:

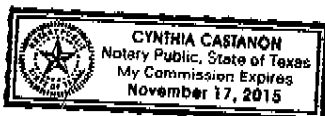
I do hereby swear and affirm that I am the grantor of the The Lunaria Heritage Trust. I have read section VI titled "Facts" specifically paragraphs 1 thur 18 of the VERIFIED PETITION IN INTERVENTION BY THE LUNARIA HERITAGE TUST AND REQUEST FOR T.R.O. AND REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY INJUNCTION AND REQUEST FOR DISCLOSURE. All of the factual statements contained therein in the Fact section are true and correct.

Further affiant sayeth not.

  
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Scott Hepford

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2013.

  
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No. 2013-CI-02253

RHODES HOLDINGS, LLC,  
ET AL,

Plaintiff,

vs.

DAVID L. GORHAM,  
et al.,

Defendants.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF

BEXAR COUNTY, T E X A S

285th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

SCOTT HEPFORD

Intervenor

**VERIFIED PETITION IN INTERVENTION BY SCOTT HEPFORD AND REQUEST  
FOR T.R.O AND REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY INJUNCTION AND REQUEST FOR  
DISCLOSURE**

COMES NOW, Scott Hepford (“Intervenor”) files this petition in intervention pursuant to Rule 60 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, in the above action.

**A. Intervenor’s Interest**

1. Scott Hepford is an individual who resides in Comal County, Texas.
2. Scott Hepford entered into a partnership with David Gorham to be a 50/50 partner in a business venture involving the Dishon and Hurley companies.
3. Scott Hepford employed Terry Dunken, Jr. as an attorney along with Stan Miller to create a family trust. Dunken and Miller created The Lunaria Heritage Trust at the direction of Scott Hepford.

4. Stan Miller's law firm, as attorney for Scott Hepford, also created Oleum Capital, LLC. Scott Hepford was designated as the sole Managing Member of Oleum Capital, LLC.
5. The Lunaria Heritage Trust was 50% owner of Oleum Capital, LLC. The other 50% ownership was owned by The Rainmaker Trust.
6. The Rainmaker Trust is a Texas trust created by Terry Dunken, Jr. and Stan Miller at the direction of David Gorham.
7. Pursuant to the agreement between Hepford and Gorham, The Lunaria Heritage Trust was made a 50% owner of Prestige Management Consultants, LLC. The Rainmaker Trust owns the other 50% of Prestige Management Consultants, LLC.
8. The Managing Member of Prestige Management Consultants, LLC is Scott Hepford.
9. The Managing Member of Black Ink Financial Controls, LLC is Scott Hepford.
10. The Managing Member of Perfect Circle Water Systems, LLC is Scott Hepford.
11. The Managing Member of Special Waste Management, Services, LLC is Scott Hepford.
12. Prestige Management Consultants owns 100% of MCI Partners, LLC. The Managing Member of MCI Partners, LLC is Scott Hepford.
13. Oleum Capital, LLC owns the majority share in Digerati Technologies, Inc. ("Digerati").
14. As such, Intervenor has a justiciable interest in this lawsuit, as a manager of Oleum Capital, MCI Partners, and Prestige Management Consultants. David Gorham and Terry Duncan are acting in concert to take Intervenor's position as managing member of Oleum Capital, MCI Partners and Prestige Management.

15. Intervenor's intervention in this action will not complicate the case by excessively multiplying the issues. Intervenor seeks relief from the same parties as Plaintiffs.

16. Intervenor has a justiciable interest in this lawsuit in that Defendants are attempting to deprive Intervenor of its ownership and control of Oleum Capital, LLC.

## **II. Parties**

1. Plaintiff Rhodes Holdings, LLC has appeared as a Plaintiff.
2. Recap Marketing & Consulting LLP has appeared as a Plaintiff.
3. WEM Equity Capital Investments, LTD has appeared as a Plaintiff.
4. Robert Rhodes has appeared as a Plaintiff.
5. Delta Ventures, LP has appeared as a Plaintiff.
6. Hunter Carr has appeared as a Plaintiff.
7. William McIlwain has appeared as a Plaintiff.
8. David L. Gorham ("Gorham") has been served and has appeared subject to a Special Appearance.
9. Bert Terry Dunken, Jr. ("Dunken") has appeared as a Defendant.
10. MCI Partners, LLC ("MCI Partners") has appeared as a Defendant.
11. Lou Soumas is a defendant who has been served by alternate service by Court order but has not answered.
12. The Rainmaker Trust is a Texas trust who may be served with process by serving its trustee, Terry Dunken, Jr. at 2203 Greenhaven Dr., Sugarland, Texas or at 12320 Barker Cypress Road, Suite 600 number 247, Cypress, Texas or at 12603 Southwest Freeway, Suite 170, Stafford, Texas.

13. The Southpaw Trust is a Texas trust who may be served with process by serving its trustee Stan Miller at 10809 Executive Center Drive, Suite 320 Little Rock, Arkansas 72211.

14. Gary Haak is a cross-defendant who may be served with process at 12603 Southwest Freeway, Suite 170, Stafford, Texas.

15. Sheryl "Sherri" Dunken is a cross-defendant who may be served with process at 2203 Greenhaven Dr., Sugarland, Texas.

### **III. Discovery**

Discovery is intended to be conducted under Level 3 of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

### **IV. Request for Disclosure**

Pursuant to Texas Rules of Civil Procedure 194, Intervenor request that David L. Gorham ("Gorham"), Bert Terry Dunken, Jr. MCI Partners, LLC ("MCI Partners"), Lou Soumas, The Rainmaker Trust, The Southpaw Trust, Gary Haak and Sheryl "Sherri" Dunken to disclose the information or material described in Rule 194.2 a-1 within 50 days of service of this request.

### **V. Jurisdiction and Venue**

This Court has jurisdiction over this matter because the amount in controversy is within the jurisdictional limits of this Court, and because Intervenor seeks writs of injunction to protect his position as the sole managing member of Oleum Capital, MCI Partners, and Prestige Management. Further, the ownership of a public company at issue is Digerati who maintains its principal place of business in San Antonio, Texas.

Venue is proper in Bexar County under Section 15.002(a)(1) of the Texas Civil Practices and Remedies Code because all or a substantial part of the events or omissions

giving rise to the claims occurred in Bexar County, Texas. Specifically, Art Smith, the President and CEO of Digerati, and Antonio Estrada, the CFO of Digerati, met with Scott Hepford, the managing member of Oleum Capital, LLC in San Antonio, Texas in November 2012. The Digerati stock certificates assigning Oleum Capital, LLC the majority equity interest and majority voting rights in Digerati were executed by Art Smith and Antonio Estrada in San Antonio, Texas. Scott Hepford then drove just north of San Antonio to meet with Terry Dunken, Jr. and handed him the relevant executed stock certificates of Digerati. Terry Dunken, Jr. was the attorney for the Dishon and Hurley companies.

## **VI. Facts**

17. Scott Hepford entered into a partnership with David Gorham to be a 50/50 partner in a joint business venture involving the Dishon and Hurley companies.
18. Scott Hepford employed Terry Dunken, Jr. as an attorney along with Stan Miller to create a family trust. Dunken and Miller created The Lunaria Heritage Trust, a Texas Trust, at the direction of Scott Hepford.
19. Stan Miller's law firm, as attorney for Scott Hepford, also created Oleum Capital, LLC. Scott Hepford was designated as the sole Managing Member of Oleum Capital, LLC.
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21. The Rainmaker Trust is a Texas trust created by Terry Dunken, Jr. and Stan Miller at the direction of David Gorham.
22. Pursuant to the agreement between Hepford and Gorham, The Lunaria Heritage Trust was made a 50% owner of Prestige Management Consultants, LLC. The Rainmaker

Trust owns the other 50% of Prestige Management Consultants, LLC. It was agreed that Scott Hepford would be the managing member of the companies created to accomplish the business purpose. David Gorham was insistent that his name not appear on any public filing or in connection with any governmental filing.

23. The Managing Member of Prestige Management Consultants, LLC is Scott Hepford.
24. Prestige Management Consultants owns 100% of MCI Partners, LLC. The Managing Member of MCI Partners, LLC is Scott Hepford.
25. Oleum Capital, LLC owns the majority share in Digerati Technologies, Inc. ("Digerati").
26. On November 26, 2012, Digerati acquired Waste Deep, Inc. Waste Deep, Inc. had recently acquired Dishon Disposal, Inc. ("Dishon") and Hurley Enterprises, Inc. ("Hurley"). The acquisition brought over \$120 million worth of assets into Digerati.
27. With the acquisition of Waste Deep, Inc. on November 26, 2012 by Digerati, The Lunaria Heritage Trust acquired a 50% ownership of Series A Preferred stock convertible into approximately 40,800,000 shares of common stock of the 60,000,000 issued and outstanding common shares of Digerati, which is approximately 68% of the issued and outstanding post conversion common shares. That ownership interest equated to millions of dollars of value. It was planned that after the required SEC audited financials were filed within 75 days of the transaction closing, the total market value of Digerati would rise to exceed \$300 million with a stock price of approximately \$5 / share.

28. At the time of the closing, Terry Dunken, Jr. was the trustee of The Lunaria Heritage Trust. Stan Miller, a former partner of Terry Dunken, Jr. was the trust protector of The Lunaria Heritage Trust.
29. Terry Dunken, Jr. and Stan Miller acted as the attorneys who created The Lunaria Heritage Trust.
30. Terry Dunken was the trustee of The Rainmaker Trust. David Gorham was the grantor of the The Rainmaker Trust set up for David Gorham and his wife.
31. Terry Dunken, Jr. was also the lawyer for Hurley and Dishon as well as their tax advisor.
32. After the closing, David Gorham and Terry Dunken, Jr. ousted Scott Hepford as an employee from MCI Partners, LLC.
33. Unknown to The Lunaria Heritage Trust, Terry Dunken, Jr. abused his position as trustee. Terry Dunken, Jr. created a trust for the benefit of his wife, The Southpaw Trust, and in concert with David Gorham, Dunken and Gorham converted the ownership of Oleum Capital to their own trusts.
34. On April 26, 2013, Terry Dunken, Jr. filed a Form 3 with the SEC that indicates Dunken and Gorham simply converted The Lunaria Heritage Trust's ownership in Oleum Capital, LLC. Form 3 is an SEC filing relating to Digerati.
35. Terry Dunken, Jr. is reporting he is the owner and manager of Oleum Capital, LLC.
36. The Rainmaker Trust is also reporting in the Form 3 that it is the owner of Oleum Capital, LLC which owns the majority shares of Digerati. Terry Dunken, Jr. is reporting he is the trustee for The Rainmaker Trust.

37. Terry Dunken has testified he and David Gorham simply took all of The Lunaria Heritage Trust's ownership interest in Oleum Capital, LLC during the first week in December 2012 shortly after the transaction closed.
38. Dunken has testified he placed some portion of The Lunaria Heritage Trust's ownership of Oleum Capital, LLC into a trust he created, The Southpaw Trust in which Dunken has made his wife, Sheryl "Sherri" Dunken, a beneficiary.
39. Pursuant to the Form 3 filed by Dunken on April 26, 2013, Dunken is now indicating he simply placed the ownership that he was previously trustee over in regards to The Lunaria Heritage Trust to his wife, Sheryl Dunken.
40. Terry Dunken, Jr. and David Gorham then devised a plan to remove the Hurley and Dishon assets out of the public company and move them to another company in which Gorham and Dunken would have an even greater ownership proportion.
41. Gorham and Dunken were driven by greed to take the 50% ownership interest of The Lunaria Heritage Trust's in Oleum Capital, LLC which owned the majority of Digerati.
42. Gorham and Dunken have moved to solidify their conversion of The Lunaria Heritage Trust's ownership of Oleum Capital, LLC by filing a Form 3 and by taking actions on behalf of Oleum Capital, LLC that were not authorized.
43. Gorham and Dunken then conspired to take and vote the shares of Oleum Capital, LLC in Digerati to fire the entire board of directors on December 23, 2012 and replace them with their hand-picked pawn, Art Smith.

44. Alternatively, Dunken acted as attorney in fact and counselor to Intervenor as trustee of the Trust. Dunken engaged in self-dealing and committed malpractice. Dunken's actions were so egregious as to constitute gross negligence if not intentional conduct.
45. Immediately after the closing of the reverse-acquisition of Digerati with Waste Deep a public company with a market cap in excess of \$120 million was remaining, Gorham and Dunken immediately moved to remove Scott Hepford and to intimidate him.
46. Dunken, as Scott Hepford's attorney, and Gorham told Hepford that he had no choice but to resign his employment with MCI Partners. Gorham and Dunken forced Hepford to resign his employment and pay and benefits in exchange for a Severance Agreement.
47. Dunken and Gorham did not make full disclosure to Hepford of all the material facts. Instead, Dunken and Gorham withheld material facts and made false representations to Hepford. Gorham attempted to intimidate Hepford by telling him he faced prison time and need to immediately resign in order to pay for a lawyer.
48. Gorham and Dunken drafted an agreement with Hepford in which Hepford resigned his contract labor and employee position with MCI. Hepford was promised \$50,000 to pay his legal team as a retainer for his defense in the ROIG suit.
49. The \$50,000 was due to be paid in payments such that two payments were due on or before March 31, 2013. Those payments were not made.
50. Instead, Dunken induced Hepford to hire Paul Flack to represent Hepford in the ROIG suit. Dunken never disclosed to Hepford that Flack was representing Dunken in an insurance fraud case. Flack also did not reveal he had represented Dunken.

Flack undertook to represent Hepford without disclosing he was representing Dunken. There was a great conflict in Flack representing Dunken who was actively engaged in conspiring with Gorham in stealing The Lunaria Heritage Trust ownership interest in Oleum Capital, LLC, MCI Partners, LLC and Prestige Management Consultants, LLC.

51. Flack then pretended to represent Hepford. However, at the last minute, Flack did not represent Hepford in the ROIG suit. Instead, after representing he was representing Hepford, Flack simply delayed the matter and did nothing. At the last minute to avoid a potential default Hepford had to scramble and find someone to answer the lawsuit. Upon information and belief, Flack was conspiring with Dunken to engender a bad result in the ROIG suit to further harm Hepford.

52. The legal fees were never advanced as promised. Defendants made false promises knowing they had no intention to honor said promises.

53. Then, in March 2013, Christy Albeck on behalf of Defendants informed Hepford his severance pay was being discontinued because Hepford refused to accept a lesser amount. Again, this was an intentional breach of the employment severance agreement.

54. Defendants breached the employment severance agreement with Hepford.

## **VI Claims**

### **A. Declaratory Judgment Under the Texas DJA**

1. Intervenor incorporates the facts contained in the preceding paragraphs as if they were fully set forth herein.

2. Intervenor requests a declaratory judgment that he, Scott Hepford, is the sole Managing Member of Oleum Capital, LLC.
3. Intervenor request a declaratory judgment that The Lunaria Heritage Trust was 50% owner of Oleum Capital, LLC.
4. Intervenor request a declaratory judgment that the The Lunaria Heritage Trust is a 50% owner of Prestige Management Consultants, LLC.
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**B. Breach of Fiduciary Duty**

5. Intervenor incorporates the facts contained in the preceding paragraphs as if they were fully set forth herein.
6. As set forth above, Dunken breached the fiduciary duty he owed to Hepford.

7. Gorham, individually and acting in concert with Dunken breached the fiduciary duty owed to Hepford.
8. Intervenor has been proximately damages by the breach of fiduciary duty owed to Intervenor.
9. Dunken owed the following duties to Hepford:
  - a) The use of the skill and prudence that an ordinary, capable, and careful person would use in the conduct of their own affairs and loyalty to Hepford;
  - b) Duty of good faith, fair dealing, loyalty and fidelity over Intervenor's affairs;
  - c) Duty to make the assets of Intervenor productive while at the same time preserving the assets;
  - d) Duty to disclose all material facts to Intervenor that might affect his rights;
  - e) Duty to account to Intervenor for all transactions and decisions that affect the rights of Intervenor;
  - f) Duty to properly manage, supervise and safeguard Intervenor's interest;
  - g) Duty to refrain from self-dealing with Intervenor's rights and assets;

10. Dunken breached his fiduciary duty that they owed to Intervenor.

11. Said breach caused injury to Intervenor and/or benefited Dunken.

12. Intervenor seeks to recover its interest in Oleum

13. Gorham aided and abetted Dunken in Dunken's breach of his fiduciary duty. As such, they are jointly and severally liable.

#### **C. Conversion**

14. Intervenor incorporates the facts contained in the preceding paragraphs as if they were fully set forth herein.

15. Dunken converted the assets entrusted to him for his own and his wife's benefit.
16. Gorham converted Intervenor's managing member position in Oleum Capital, LLC.
17. Intervenor has the legal right to immediate possession of personal property. Defendants have exercised dominion and control over that property that is inconsistent with Intervenor's rights.
18. Defendants' have failed to return the property.
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27. Intervenor incorporates the facts contained in the preceding paragraphs as if they were fully set forth herein.

28. Defendants made numerous false promises and false representations. Defendants intended that Intervenor rely on those false promises and false representations. Intervenor entered into one or more contracts in reliance on Defendant's false promises and false representations. Intervenor has suffered injury and damages as a result.

29. Intervenor seeks actual, consequential and punitive damages as result of Defendants conduct.

30. Intervenor seeks attorney's fees under Chapter 27.

#### **G. Fraud By NonDisclosure/ Concealment**

31. Intervenor incorporates the facts contained in the preceding paragraphs as if they were fully set forth herein.

32. Defendants concealed from and failed to disclose material information to Intervenor that they had a duty to disclose. Among other things, Defendants failed to disclose they were taking Intervenor's sole member interest in Oleum Capital, LLC and giving it to themselves.
33. Defendants' failed to disclose to Intervenor their plan to strip Digerati of its assets to drive the value of the shares of Digerati and Oleum Capital, LLC to nothing while they placed the Dishon and Hurley assets in another company.
34. Defendants were silent or actively concealing facts when they knew the truth. By failing to disclose such facts, Defendants induced Intervenor to take actions or refrain from taking actions. Defendants relied upon the nondisclosures to its disadvantage.
35. Defendants' nondisclosure and/or concealment of material facts proximately caused injury to Intervenor.
36. Defendants failed to disclose where they have moved the assets of Digerati to other entities they are creating to hide the assets.

#### **H. Conspiracy**

37. Intervenor incorporates the facts contained in the preceding paragraphs as if they were fully set forth herein.
38. Defendants conspired against Intervenor to, inter alia, unlawfully gain control of Oleum Capital, LLC, MCI Partners, LLC and Prestige Management Consultants, LLC and thus Digerati. As set forth above, Defendants were a member of a combination of two or more persons. The object of the combination was to accomplish an unlawful purpose (or, at the very least a lawful purpose by

unlawful means). Defendants had a meeting of the minds on the object of the course of action and at least one of the Defendants committed an unlawful overt act to further the object of course of action.

**I. Aiding and Abetting**

39. Intervenor incorporates the facts contained in the preceding paragraphs as if they were fully set forth herein.

40. Each Defendant is liable for the wrongful conduct of the others because each Defendant aided and abetted the others. As set out above, each Defendant breached a legal duty and personally participated in the wrongful conduct or assisted another in a substantial way, causing injury to Intervenor. Alternatively, each Defendant knew of the goal of the wrongful conduct of another and personally encouraged or assisted in a substantial way causing injury to Intervenor.

**J. Joint Enterprise Liability**

41. Intervenor incorporates the facts contained in the preceding paragraphs as if they were fully set forth herein.

42. Defendants had an agreement, a common purpose, a community or pecuniary interest in that common purpose, and an equal right to direct and control the enterprise.

43. Each Defendant was acting in the scope of the joint enterprise.

44. Accordingly, each Defendant is liable for the acts of the others.

**K. Constructive Trust**

- 45. Intervenor incorporates the facts contained in the preceding paragraphs as if they were fully set forth herein.
- 46. Defendants breached a special trust or fiduciary relationship and/or committed fraud.
- 47. Each of the Defendants has been unjustly enriched
- 48. Accordingly, Defendants request a constructive trust be imposed on all stock and other assets Defendants have obtained as a result of their wrongful conduct.

**L. Unjust Enrichment**

- 49. Intervenor incorporates the facts contained in the preceding paragraphs as if they were fully set forth herein.
- 50. Defendants obtained property from Intervenor by fraud or the taking of undue advantage and/or under circumstances where it would be unconscionable to allow them to retain such benefits.
- 51. Defendants are liable to Intervenor for unjust enrichment.

**M. Request for Temporary and Permanent Injunction**

- 52. Intervenor incorporates the facts contained in the preceding paragraphs as if they were fully set forth herein.
- 53. Intervenor request the Court issue a permanent injunction against Defendants awarding all the relief sought above.

**N. Conditions Precedent**

All conditions precedent to Intervenor's claims for relief has been performed or have occurred.

### **VIII. Application for Temporary Restraining Order**

1. Intervenor prays the Court issue a temporary restraining order enjoining Defendants and all persons acting in concert with them from:

- a) Exercising dominion or control over The Lunaria Heritage Trust;
- b) Exercising dominion or control over Oleum Capital, LLC.
- c) Exercising dominion or control over MCI Partners, LLC.
- d) Exercising dominion or control over Prestige Management Consultants, LLC.
- e) Taking any action to transfer any assets out of The Lunaria Heritage Trust;
- f) Taking any action to transfer any assets out of Oleum Capital, LLC;
- g) Taking any action to transfer any assets out of MCI Partners, LLC.
- h) Taking any action or making any statements to the effect that any of them are authorized to take any action on behalf of The Lunaria Heritage Trust;
- i) Taking any action or making any statements to the effect that any of them are authorized to take any action on behalf of Oleum Capital, LLC;
- j) Taking any action or making any statements to the effect that any of them are authorized to take any action on behalf of MCI Partners, LLC;
- k) Taking any action or making any statements to the effect that any of them are authorized to take any action on behalf of Prestige Management Consultants, LLC;
- l) Filing any documents with any state or federal agency, self-regulatory organization, authority, regulatory body or other entity, including the SEC, any transfer agent, any secretary of state, and any bank, purporting to be on behalf of Lunaria Heritage Trust, Oleum Capital, LLC, MCI Partners, LLC, or Prestige Management Consultants, LLC;
- m) Destroying, altering, secreting or disposing of any documents or electronic data or medium with any information or communication pertaining to Filing any documents with any state or federal agency, self-regulatory organization, authority, regulatory body or other entity, including the SEC, any transfer agent, any secretary of state, and any bank, purporting to be on behalf of The Lunaria Heritage Trust, Oleum Capital, LLC, MCI Partners, LLC, or Prestige Management Consultants, LLC
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1. It is probable that Intervenor will recover from Defendants after a trial on the merits for the reasons set forth above. In particular, Intervenor will recover because

Defendants have breached their fiduciary duty, fraud, statutory fraud, violations of the Texas Securities Act, conversion which are unlawful.

2. If Intervenor's application is not granted, harm is imminent. Intervenor will lose all of the value of its ownership in Oleum Capital, LLC which owns a valuable interest in Digerati. Defendants' actions to denude Digerati and scuttle the transaction and destroy the value of Digerati and Oleum Capital, LLC will harm Intervenor.
3. Intervenor has no adequate remedy at law because Defendants are continuing to inflict damages on Intervenor and are attempting to move assets. The filing of the Form 3 on April 26, 2013 is further indication Defendants are intending to move forward with their plans to convert Intervenor's ownership.
4. Intervenor is willing to post a bond. Intervenor asks that the bond amount be nominal, because the relief sought would not cause any financial harm to Defendants. Defendants are being asked to comply with the law and the ownership rights of Intervenor.
5. There is not enough time to serve notice on Defendants and hold a hearing on this application because Intervenor's need for relief is immediate and Defendants have indicated they are continuing to take Intervenor's interest.

#### **VIII. Application for Temporary Injunction**

1. Intervenor asks the Court to set its application for temporary injunction for a hearing and, after the hearing, issue a temporary injunction against Intervenor.

**PRAYER**

For these reasons, Intervenor prays that the Court award the following:

- a) Temporary and permanent injunctive relief;
- b) Order compelling Defendants to return Intervenor's assets;
- c) Damages, actual and compensatory;
- d) Exemplary and punitive damages;
- e) Prejudgment interest;
- f) Post-judgment interest;
- g) Declaratory judgment of the rights and parties;
- h) Attorneys' fees and expenses;
- i) Court costs; and
- j) Such other relief as the court may find just.

**Respectfully submitted**

By: */s/: Lloyd E. Kelley* \_\_\_\_\_  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing instrument has been forwarded to all counsel of record via electronic filing, mail and/or certified mail return receipt requested on this the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2013.

*/s/: Lloyd E. Kelley* \_\_\_\_\_  
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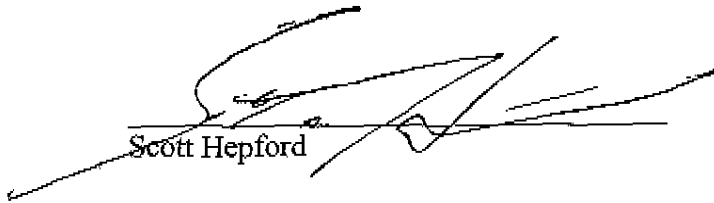
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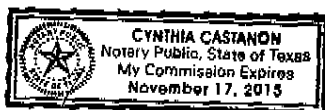
"My name is Scott Hepford. I am over the age of eighteen and fully competent to make this Affidavit and that the following true and correct facts are within my personal knowledge:

I do hereby swear and affirm I have read section VI titled "Facts" specifically paragraphs 17 thru 53 of the VERIFIED PETITION IN INTERVENTION BY SCOTT HEPFORD AND REQUEST FOR T.R.O. AND REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY INJUNCTION AND REQUEST FOR DISCLOSURE. All of the factual statements contained therein in the Fact section are true and correct.

Further affiant sayeth not.

  
Scott Hepford

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2013.



  
NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR THE  
STATE OF TEXAS

Cynthia Castanon  
Printed Name of Notary  
My Commission Expires: 11-17-15



No. 2013-CI-02253

RHODES HOLDINGS, LLC,  
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vs.

DAVID L. GORHAM,  
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF

BEXAR COUNTY, T E X A S

285th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

THE LUNARIA HERITAGE TRUST

Intervenor

**ORDER DENYING DUNKEN'S PLEA IN ABATEMENT**

On May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013, the Court heard argument on Defendant Dunken's Plea in Abatement.

After considering the Motion, the applicable law, all other supporting and opposing papers, and the arguments of counsel, the Court DENYS Defendant Dunken's Plea in Abatement. *with prejudice,*

SIGNED on this 8 day of ~~March~~ *May*, 2013.

  
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PRESIDING JUDGE



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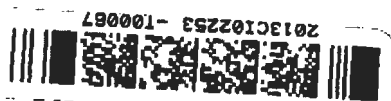
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**TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER**

Came on to be heard, The Lunaria Heritage Trust's and Scott Hepford's Application for Temporary Restraining Order. After hearing, the Parties and a review of the pleadings and arguments of counsel, the court finds there is evidence and that the Defendants are likely to prevail such that harm is imminent and if the Court does not issue the temporary restraining order, The Lunaria Heritage Trust and Scott Hepford Robert will be irreparably injured.

Such irreparable injury will occur because Defendants David Gorham ("Gorham"), Bert Terry Dunken, Jr. ("Dunken") and MCI Partners (collectively referred to as "Respondents") and those working in concert with them are likely to move the assets of MCI Partners, LLC or take actions in regards to the assets of MCI Partners, LLC.

The harm that will result if the temporary injunction order is not issued is irreparable. Defendants (collectively "Respondents") are in the process of taking actions which are intended to denude Digerati Technologies, Inc., of its only assets of value. Further, the Court finds there



is evidence and that Defendants are likely to prevail on the issue that the actions of David Gorham and Terry Duncan in taking ownership of MCI Partners, Inc. and moving assets outside the company will harm movants.

The Court finds there is evidence that the actions of Terry Duncan and David Gorham in claiming to own and operate and manage MCI Partners, LLC to the exclusion of The Lunaria Heritage Trust and Scott Hepford is not valid.

Such irreparable injury will occur because Terry Dunken and David Gorham are attempting to move assets belonging to MCI Partners, LLC to other asset being acquired for the benefit of Gorham alone. In addition, Gorham and Dunken have attempted to take the assets of Digerati and move them to an off-shore, Cayman Island domiciled company. Irreparable injury will further occur because Terry Dunken is attempting to take control over trust property entrusted to him as an attorney and trustee over the The Lunaria Heritage Trust.

Defendants have no adequate remedy at law because the Respondents are continuing to inflict damages on The Lunaria Heritage Trust and Scott Hepford which are not measurable by any certain pecuniary standard, and no amount of money damages could undo the harm the Defendants are inflicting.

**THEREFORE [REDACTED] THE COURT ORDERS THAT MCI Partners, LLC Gorham, Dunken, and all persons acting in concert with them are restrained and hereby enjoined from:**

1. Moving any assets of MCI Partners, LLC out of MCI Partners, LLC or executing any documents that would move or transfer assets out of MCI Partners, LLC. This does

not limit or prohibit the payment of bills in the ordinary course of MCI Partners, LLC's business. This does not limit or prohibit the payment of attorney fee bills for attorney's representing MCI Partners, LLC, Gorham, Dunken, Perfect Circle Water Systems, LLC, Special Waste Management Services, LLC, Black Ink Financial Controls, LLC, Septic Services, LLC, Prestige Management Consultants, LLC, Oleum Capital LLC, Digerati Technologies, Inc., Lou Soumas, Gary Haak, or Michelle Barnes, *Sheri Dunken (spouse of Dunken)*.

2. Taking any action or signing any contracts or spending any money or disposing of any assets owned or titled in MCI Partners, LLC or any of its subsidiaries for any single contract or payment of any single vendor in any amount greater than **\$100,000** without the express consent of the Court. This does not limit or prohibit the payment of bills, or selling of assets for value, which occur in the ordinary course of MCI Partners, LLC's business. This does not limit or prohibit the payment of attorney fee bills for attorney's representing MCI Partners, LLC, Gorham, Dunken, Perfect Circle Water Systems, LLC, Special Waste Management Services, LLC, Black Ink Financial Controls, LLC, Septic Services, LLC, Prestige Management Consultants, LLC, Oleum Capital LLC, Digerati Technologies, Inc., Lou Soumas, Gary Haak, or Michelle Barnes, *Sheri Dunken (spouse of Dunken)*.
3. Transferring, conveying, assigning, destroying, secreting, disposing or selling any assets conveyed to MCI Partners, LLC of assets owned or controlled for the benefit of MCI Partners, LLC, without prior approval of the Court. This does not limit or

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prohibit the payment of attorney fee bills for attorney's representing MCI Partners, LLC, Gorham, Dunken, Perfect Circle Water Systems, LLC, Special Waste Management Services, LLC, Black Ink Financial Controls, LLC, Septic Services, LLC, Prestige Management Consultants, LLC, Oleum Capital LLC, Digerati Technologies, Inc., Lou Soumas, Gary Haak, or Michelle Barnes, *Shari Dunken (spouse of Dunken)*

4. Destroying, altering, secreting, or disposing of any documents or electronic data or medium with any information or communication pertaining to MCI Partners, LLC or any of its subsidiaries including but not limited to Perfect Circle Water Systems, LLC, Special Waste Management Services, LLC, Black Ink Financial Controls, LLC, Septic Services, LLC, Prestige Management Consultants, LLC, and Oleum Capital LLC or any of MCI Partners, LLC's subsidiaries.

The Court further orders the clerk to issue notice to Defendants David Gorham ("Gorham"), Bert Terry Dunken, Jr. ("Dunken") and MCI Partners LLC (collectively referred to as "Respondents"). That the hearing on The Lunaria Heritage Trust's and Scott Hepford's application for temporary injunction is set for

*May 20* 2013, at *9:00* ~~am/pm~~ *Presiding RM 109*. The purpose of the temporary injunction hearing shall be to determine whether the temporary restraining order should be made a temporary injunction pending a full trial on the merits. The restraining order is effective and binding on Defendants David Gorham ("Gorham"), Bert Terry Dunken, Jr. ("Dunken") and MCI Partners, LLC and any person action in concert with them including but not limited to its attorneys, servicers, agents, servants,


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employees, successors, heirs and assigns until the hearing on the application for temporary injunction hearing or until further order of the Court.

Bond is set at \$ 200<sup>00</sup> AM

This Order expires on May 20 2013 at midnight.

Signed on May 8 2013, at 12:02 am/pm.

  
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PRESIDING JUDGE

NEW YORK COUNTY CLERK

EXHIBIT

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## CAUSE NO. 2013-CI-02253

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<i>Defendants.</i>	§	285 <sup>th</sup> JUDICIAL DISTRICT

**MOTION TO CONTINUE TEMPORARY INJUNCTION HEARING**

Defendants David Gorham, MCI Partners, LLC, file this there Motion to Continue the Temporary Injunction Hearing set for May 20, 2013, and in support thereof, would respectfully show as follows:

**BRIEF SUMMARY OF MOTION**

Christian, Smith & Jewell, LLP ("CSJ") was recently retained by Defendants David Gorham, MCI Partners, LLC, and Bert Terry Dunken (collectively "Defendants"). CSJ needs time to gain an understanding of the facts before proceeding with the temporary injunction hearing set for May 20, 2013. To avoid any potential harm to Intervenor Scott Hepford and Lunaria Heritage Trust, Defendants agree to extend the temporary restraining order entered on May 8, 2013.

CSJ therefore asks the Court to reset the temporary injunction hearing for a date no earlier than June 3, 2012.

**BACKGROUND**

On February 12, 2013, Plaintiffs Rhodes Holdings, LLC, Recap Marketing & Consulting LLP, WEM Equity Capital Investments, LTD, Robert C. Rhodes, Delta S. Ventures LP, Hunter M.A. Carr, and William McIlwain filed suit against Defendants David L. Gorham, MCI Partners, LLC, Arthur L. Smith, Antonio Estrada, Murray R. NYE, John R. Fleming, Bert Terry Dunken, Jr. and Lou Sourmas.

EXHIBIT C

The case involved a "reverse merger," whereby a private company merges with a publicly traded company. The main issue presented in the Plaintiffs' Petition is who should be in control of the merged publicly traded company.

On May 1, 2013, Defendant Terry Dunken file his Plea in Abatement, which advised the Court that a previously filed case in Harris County concerning the same issues and same parties is pending in the 281<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Court.

On May 3, 2013, Intervenor Lunaria Heritage Trust and Scott Hepford (collectively "Intervenor") filed their separate Verified Petitions in Intervention and Request for T.R.O. and Request for Temporary Injunction and Request for Disclosure. Basically, Intervenor assert that they have an ownership interest in the various entities controlled by Defendants.

On May 8, 2013, the Court granted the Intervenor's application for T.R.O. and set their application for temporary injunction for hearing on May 20, 2013.

CSJ was retained by Defendants less than seven (7) days ago. As such, CSJ needs more time to adequately prepare for temporary injunction hearing, which will include reviewing thousands of pages of documents (some of which CSJ has not received as of the filing of this motion), meeting with witnesses and reviewing the pleadings to date.

Defendants agree to extend the temporary restraining order entered by the Court on May 8, 2013, until the Intervenor's application for temporary injunction is heard or the temporary injunction otherwise expires.

Respectfully Submitted,

**CHRISTIAN, SMITH & JEWELL, L.L.P.**

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**CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE**

I certify that on May 15, 2013, I conferred with counsel for Plaintiffs and Intervenor  
regarding Defendants' motion. Counsel for Plaintiffs and Intervenor represented that they are  
opposed to Plaintiffs motion.

Stephen H. Cagle, Jr.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that on May 15, 2013, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served via certified mail return receipt requested upon:

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By: /s/Chevazz G. Brown  
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**AFFIDAVIT OF STEPHEN RAY SMITH**

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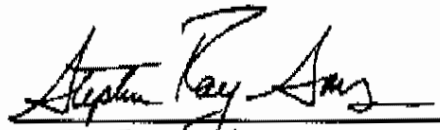
Before me, the undersigned notary, on this day personally appeared Stephen Ray Smith, the affiant, whose identity is known to me. After I administered an oath, affiant testified as follows:

"My name is Stephen Ray Smith. I am over 18 years of age, of sound mind, and capable of making this affidavit. The facts stated in this affidavit are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.

Christian, Smith & Jewell, LLP ("CSJ") has been retained by Defendants David Gorham, MCI Partners, LLC, and Bert Terry Dunken (collectively "Defendants"). CSJ needs time to gain an understanding of the facts before proceeding with the temporary injunction hearing set for May 20, 2013. To avoid any potential harm to Intervenor Scott Hepford and Lunaria Heritage Trust, Defendants agree to extend the temporary restraining order entered on May 8, 2013.

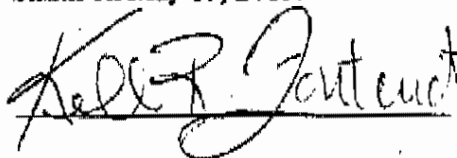
This continuance is not sought solely for delay, but that justice may be done."

Further affiant sayeth not.

  
 Stephen Ray Smith

Sworn to and subscribed before me by Stephen Ray Smith on May 15, 2013.





**CHRISTIAN, SMITH  
& JEWELL**A REGISTERED LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP  
ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS AT LAW**STEPHEN H. CAGLE, JR.**  
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May 15, 2013

Lloyd Kelly  
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Houston, Texas 77005*Via Hand Delivery*Re: Cause No. 2013-CI-02253; Rhodes Holdings, Et al. V. David L. Gorham, Et al.; In  
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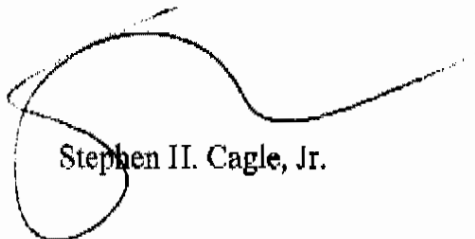
Dear Mr. Kelly:

Enclosed please find the following documents in regards to the above referenced cause:

1. Motion to Continue Temporary Injunction Hearing; and
2. Notice of Hearing on Motion to Continue Temporary Injunction Hearing.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

  
Stephen H. Cagle, Jr.